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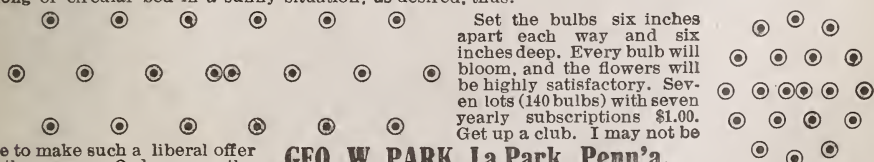
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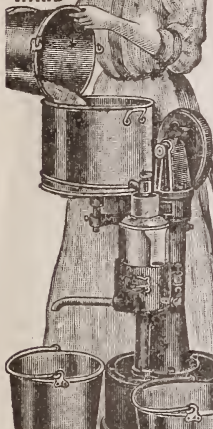
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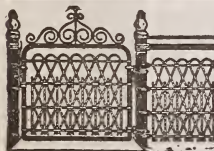
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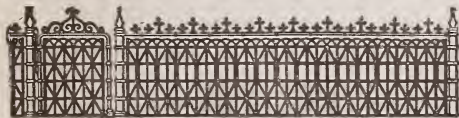
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Riverside Co., Cal., Jan. 26, 1910.

Mr. Park:—I have been a reader of your Magazine for two years, and enjoy it very much, as I, like many others, live where neighbors are few and far between, and flowers are greatly appreciated. I shall keep the Magazine continuously, as it has helped me over many floral difficulties. I keep the volumes for reference, and reread them. Plants exchanged.

Mrs. Fritz Schlie.

Lane Co., Ore., Nov. 30, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 8 years old, and mamma takes your Magazine. I like to read it. I have a pet horse, Maud, and a dog, Rover, some flowers and two Banties, a rooster named Billy and a hen, Polly. Postals exchanged.

Arthur Brown.

Letart, W. Va., Feb. 16, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I can truly say that your Floral Magazine is the best journal of its class I have ever read. It gives just the information I wish. I shall always be a subscriber, as I feel I cannot get along without it.

Lorette E. Oren.

Hocking Co., Ohio, Dec. 3, 1909.

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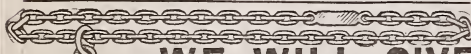
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When I was a child I was very fond of soups. I lived only a short distance from my grandfather's home and on soup days my grandmother would send for me to come over and eat soup with them; when at table she would bring me a lovely, little, blue wedgewood bowl of steaming soup and say, "Now, my dear, just taste that; it is good. I flavored it with a nice stalk of Smellage," and better soup I have never eaten. About that time my father sent to New York for some garden seeds that he had seen advertised in his weekly paper—the first seeds that were ever bought and brought into this part of the country (at that time every farmer raised his own garden seeds); one paper in the package was labeled a new name. The seeds were carefully planted and their coming eagerly watched to see the new kind of vegetable. Imagine my father's surprise, later, to find the seeds labeled "Celery" had developed into those "detestable Smellage plants"; there and then he dug it up and dumped it on the weed-pile. In "ye olden days" another common name for it was Lonage. S. Minerva Boyce.



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Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl thirteen years old, and live in the valley surrounded by mountains. Many people come here to spend the summer and to hunt in autumn. I like flowers and mamma has lots every year. There are a great many wild flowers in the woods, so we have all kinds. I would like girls of my age to write me.

Thirsa A. Colba.

Moose River, Me., Jan. 16, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl of thirteen. We have a Winter-berry vine at our south window, and a little mocking-bird comes and gathers its fruit. It also comes every morning to the south window for crumbs.

Winnie Ingram.

Hickman, Ky., Dec. 29, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl nine years old, and live on a farm of a thousand acres. I have a flower-garden every year. My favorite flowers are Roses, Violets and Geraniums. Postals exchanged.

Nora E. Kirkland.

Blue Gulf, S. C., R. No. 2, Dec. 23, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farmer's boy ten years of age, and have lots of fun driving the cows. I have a little pet dog as black as a crow, named Seaboard, also a mule named Julia. My sisters have many pretty flowers, and I like to help in caring for them. Postals exchanged.

Harry D. Kirkland.

Blue Gulf, S. C., R. No. 2, Dec. 23, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—My school-term is out, and I got the prize for the most head-marks. We will rest three weeks, then begin the spring term. I went to school six months and did not miss a day. We walk a half mile. I have five dolls and two pretty lambs. We had a cat, but she got to killing the little birds and we got rid of her. Now we put out crumbs, and feed a great many birds.

Mattie E. Holiday, aged 8 years.

Clark Co., Ky., March 10, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a city girl 12 years old. I go to school and am in the seventh grade. We have flowers in the summer-time. I have no favorites, for I like them all. Postals exchanged.

Minnie Nigg.

Redwood Co., Minn., Feb. 11, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl of 11 years. Papa farms 190 acres, and 80 acres are in pasture. We have 18 cattle, 4 big pigs and 12 little, tiny pigs, 100 chickens and 5 horses. I like horses very much.

Marjory Peart.

Grand Traverse Co., Mich., Feb. 25, 1910.

GOSSIP.

Moles.—Mr. Park:—If Mrs. Birge will try pouring soapsuds in the runways inhabited by moles, she will be pleased with the result. My father got rid of them in that way. The suds from washing clothes is good for that purpose.

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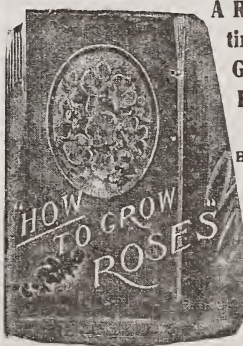
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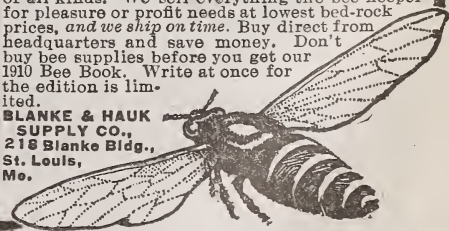
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CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—The last day of June, 1909, I received and planted a large bulb of *Hæmanthus* or Blood Flower. It now has two long, thick leaves four and a quarter inches wide, and is very odorous. I am very anxious to see its blossoms. I have *Tecoma Velutina* which is perhaps two and a half years old. Would it be wise to bed it out this summer? I was very much surprised last summer to find I could grow a Bamboo. It did very well in clay, but I am afraid it has not withstood the winter. I am also growing a *Haworthia*, which to me is an interesting plant. Can you tell me anything of the *Dahlia Imperialis* or *Lily Dahlia*? It grew to be an immense bush last summer, but did not bloom.—*Ermine Meador, McDonough Co., Ill., Feb., 1910.*

Note.—*Hæmanthus* or Blood Flower belongs to the *Amaryllis* family, and is found native in southern Africa. The flowers are curious, in some species coming in close, compact umbels, in general appearance not unlike that of Feathered Hyacinth. They require about the same treatment as *Amaryllis*. *Tecoma velutina* is hardy in California, and could be bedded out in summer in the North, but would not be found hardy, and should be protected in winter. The same is true of Bamboo, the larger species of which are not hardy at the North. *Haworthia* belongs to the *Lily* family, and the species are native to South Africa. The plants should have the same treatment as that given the Aloe. *Dahlia Imperialis* is a Mexican species growing twelve feet high, and bearing half-open, bell-shaped flowers, whitish lilac streaked with blood-red at the base. It is very late flowering, and not suitable for outdoor culture at the North. It can be propagated from seeds, which are sold by many seedsmen at ten cents per packet.—*Ed.*

Mr. Park:—I do not agree with Aunt Sally's complaint about flower-beggars. We are all more or less dependent upon others. I keep a supply of groceries, but when my neighbor reports unexpected company and no one to send to the store, I am glad to help her, though I seldom borrow. I have asked for slips, but never want anyone to take one off that will disfigure a plant. I move a great deal; my husband's calling makes it inevitable. I get my plants started, and maybe we move a few hundred miles, and it is impracticable to take them. I slip a few and give the rest to my friends. Sometimes my longing for plants prompts me to ask for a few slips. This past fall, after moving, some ladies offered me all the slips I wished; thus I got my window boxes started, and I would not unwittingly ruffle anyone's feelings. I have known people to hesitate over a slip from a house plant, who would ask a minister to take a long railway journey to preach a funeral sermon without any recompense. At our best we are dependent upon each other, and we had better face the situation gracefully. Aunt Emma.

Kent Co., Mich., Dec. 15, 1909.

Mr. Park:—I live in the country and love the dear little songsters; and we have lots of them around our home, too. They build their nests in the trees and flower bushes in our yard, and I love to hear their dear songs, for I think they teach the lesson of cheerfulness. I love the country and all nature, birds, domestic animals, and all kinds of flowers, and I feel thankful that God has given us so many pleasures and blessings.

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APRIL.

April is like a willful child—
First she frowns, and then she smiles;
Gusts of wind, like passions blow,
Sometimes whirling flakes of snow;
Then, as tho' grieving for it all,
The gentle rains like teardrops fall.

Ellen Kent,

But Nature does not scold her child,
Although her ways are often wild.
Full well she knows the April showers
Will deck the woodland, soon, with flowers.
While her capricious moods are rife,
The sleeping verdure wakes to life.

Buffalo, N. Y.

ABOUT SWEET PEAS.

THE SWEET PEA, *Lathyrus odoratus*, is a native of Sicily, and has been in cultivation ever since the year 1700. It is an annual, easily grown, the flowers large, of many colors, everblooming and deliciously scented. It is now one of the most popular of garden and greenhouse flowers, and well deserves its popularity.

During recent years the flowers have been greatly improved by the skill of the intelligent florist. They are now large, and produced in large clusters, showing a much wider range of colors and variegations. Some, too, are crimped and ruffled, giving the appearance of double flowers, and making them more in demand for bouquets and personal adornment.

Some of the varieties bloom very early, and are especially adapted for greenhouse culture. Others are dwarf in habit, while the popular garden varieties are of robust growth, and bloom freely throughout summer and autumn, if the flowers are kept freely cut, to prevent seed formation.

The seeds may be sown in the open ground, where the plants are to bloom, as early as the

ground can be worked. Some even sow them in autumn as far north as central Pennsylvania, protecting the rows of little plants by a narrow board at each side, covered with a narrow glass sash. Plants thus started bloom several weeks earlier than the spring-started plants.

For early spring sowing prepare the ground as early as possible, and draw a furrow north and south, six inches deep. In this sow the seeds in a double row, using an ounce to 50 feet and covering half an inch deep, then firming the soil. The little plants will soon appear, and when a few inches high begin to draw the soil in about them, doing this gradually as growth advances, until the surface is level. By this means the cold spring winds are kept off, and the sun admitted until the plants are large enough to withstand cold, and the roots being deep in the soil the plants do not suffer from the heat and drouth of summer. Furnish support early.

It is well to get seeds of the finest varieties and best mixtures,

if you wish the most satisfactory results. If you have plenty of room get the seeds by the ounce. You are not liable to get too many of these beautiful and fragrant flowers.



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Tuberous Begonias Outdoors.

—Bed these Begonias out in a place where they will be sheltered from the west wind, and from midday sun. The tubers should not be covered. Let the crown protrude above the surface. See that the soil is sandy and porous, and will not bake or get hard. Leafmold, sand and well-decayed manure make a good compost. The young, healthy bulbs are preferable to the large, old ones. Do not let them suffer from drouth when bedded out.



About Soils.—Where soil is sour the plants seem stunted, and the flower-buds fail to develop. It can be sweetened by an application of lime, and thus brought into a healthy condition for the growth and blooming of the plants. Where there is a surplus of potash in the soil the growth will be vigorous, but often there are no flower-buds under such conditions. Bone-dust, which contains phosphorus, will be found beneficial.

Orange Buds Dropping.—The buds of Orange trees often drop because of a vigorous growth, or an unhealthy soil. An application of lime or phosphate will be found beneficial under such conditions.

NON-BLOOMING PASSION VINE.

ASISTER at Portland, Maine, has had a Passion Vine for many years, but it does not bloom. She wants to know how to treat it to have it bloom. It is not un-

common for seedlings of *Passiflora cærulea* to be tardy in blooming, especially when grown in pots. When bedded in the soil in a greenhouse or conservatory they do better. As a rule, it is well to get a plant of a good blooming *Passiflora*. Such will grow and bloom freely in a pot in the window.



BLOOM OF SCARLET HYB. PASSIFLORA

Non-blooming plants may be fertilized with bone-dust phosphate, but they cannot often be induced to bloom satisfactorily in pots. Seedlings of the little climber, *Passiflora gracilis*, bloom and fruit freely, but the flowers are not as showy as the diminutive fruits, though curious and interesting. The vine, however, appears well upon a pot trellis, and is pretty. It is readily started from seeds.

Callas Blasting.

—When the buds upon your Calla Lily blast it is an evidence that the soil has imperfect drainage, and has become sour. To overcome the trouble take the tuber out, wash the old soil away and repot in a rich, porous compost with which a little lime or land-plaster has been incorporated. See that the drainage is good and set the tuber at least two inches beneath the surface. Thus treated the plant will regain its vigor, and every bud will develop into a fine flower. When the old flower fades cut the stem at the base, and a new bud will soon appear and bloom.

Lilium Candidum.—When this Lily increases until the clump is too compact to bloom well, lift it in August, divide the clump and reset, giving the bulbs a sandy bed well enriched with thoroughly decayed cow manure, and setting the bulbs six inches deep. In a short time you will have a number of fine blooming clumps instead of one that is sickly and impoverished.

Freesias.—Freesias should not be expected to bloom until four or five months after they are potted. Cover the bulbs with soil, and keep in a cool, dark place until roots form, then place them near the glass, where they will receive good light. With this treatment they are generally satisfactory as pot plants.

A BED OF PÆONIES.

PROBABLY there is no hardy perennial that makes a finer display in early summer than the Chinese Pæony. When once established the plants almost take care of themselves, and excite the enthusiastic admiration of all who pass during the blooming season.

The improved varieties now becoming popular are not only varied and beautiful in color, but are of odd and graceful forms, immense in size, and deliciously scented. During their blooming period no flower is more showy, or more admired, while the surrounding air is redolent with their exquisite perfume.

The plants may be obtained and planted in either spring or fall, and if you wish to divide and reset clumps the work can be attended to to best advantage in August, after the growth of the season is mature. They like a deep, rich, sunny soil, and are benefited by mulching with stable litter during summer.

The Pæony illustration upon this page was made from a photograph sent by a subscriber whose letter has been mislaid. But it shows very good judgment in selecting a bed where the flowers are conspicuously displayed, and also a wise choice in the superior double-flowered varieties planted. The bed is thus

not only a pleasure to the owner, but a source of enjoyment to the many people who pass by upon the adjacent highway. Certainly no better situation or showier flower could have been chosen for a pleasing floral decoration.

Asparagus Plumosus.—This beautiful Asparagus, after a season of growth, will turn yellow and apparently die. At such time withhold water until the soil is nearly dried out. After several weeks' rest, cut the tops off and begin watering again. New shoots will shortly appear, and the plant will become more vigorous and beautiful than ever before.

VARIOUS ANSWERS.

FEATHERED HYACINTHS are a species of Muscari, hardy, and can be grown in the garden. * * * Calla Lilies do not become too old to bloom. The tubers, however, should be re-set, covering a half inch with soil, and using a pot that will compare in size with the tuber. Give the tuber a rest in summer by bedding out in a sunny place. They do not require much heat. * * * Ponderosa Lemon will thrive in ordinary potting soil, well-drained, given a warm, sunny place in summer, and plenty of water, and a rather cool place in winter with a sparing supply of water. Sponge the trunk and branches occa-

sionally to keep off the insects and scales, and remove any sprouts that come from the roots. * * * Baby Rambler and Tea Roses are hardy if the plants are bedded out in spring and allowed to become well established. All Roses are benefited by placing a board on its edge on the north and east sides to protect them from the severe winds in winter. The more tender Roses may have a bucket of coal ashes placed over the plant late in autumn and removed in the spring. With the board, this will be found good protection. The best time to transplant Rose bushes is in the spring. * * * The best time to set Pæonies is in early autumn. They may be set at any season, however, as they are of easy culture.



Crab Cactus.—This Cactus may be grown for a number of years in the same receptacle, and if watering is managed judiciously, it will bloom freely every winter. It is a plant that does well when rootbound, provided it is not watered too freely. The larger the vessel, however, the larger the plant will become, and when the plant is thoroughly rootbound, it may be improved or enlarged by shifting into a larger pot or vessel during the early spring.

HABROTHAMNUS ELEGANS.**STAPELIA.**

HABROTHAMNUS ELEGANS is an elegant shrub found in Mexico. It grows eight to ten feet high, producing long branches, which bear during winter large clusters of beautiful coral-red flowers, as shown in the engraving. These are borne at the tips of the branches, and the plant is thus given a weeping appearance, which is exceedingly graceful. Although but little known, it is one of the best winter-blooming shrubs with which I am acquainted, and it seems strange that it is so rarely met with. The plants are readily propagated either from seeds or cuttings, and are easily grown in pots. At the South they will be found hardy, and very desirable for the decoration of lawn or garden. They thrive in an ordinary compost of garden loam, rotted sods, manure and sand well mixed. The plants make their growth during the summer season, and are hanging full of great bloom clusters all through the winter months. An inquirer from Alabama wishes a common name for this plant and writes:

Mr. Editor:—Will you be so kind as to tell us about Habrothamnus in the Magazine, and give it a name it can be called by, as I like to call all my flowers by name, but do not use the botanical name, as it is usually so hard to pronounce.—L. J., Lawrence Co., Ala.

I regret that I cannot give a known common name, but might suggest Gay Branch, which is the meaning of Habrothamnus and is practically the same. In English botanical works, it is generally classed as *Cestrum elegans*, but among gardeners in this country the name Habrothamnus is generally recognized. It belongs to the Solanum family, and has been in cultivation since 1844. It is sometimes trained to the rafters of a greenhouse, or to a wall, and thus used as a climber. Cut back, however, it makes a very beautiful weeping shrub, every branch tipped with its bright coral clusters during winter.

THE VARIOUS species of Stapelia come from South Africa, and like a warm, dry situation and sandy, porous soil. They should be watered sparingly in winter, but more liberally in summer, when they develop their flowers. The flowers are large and showy, somewhat cupped, and curiously marked, the colors being mostly yellow and brown. They have a disagreeable fragrance, and are on this account known as Carrion Flower. The growth of the stems is much like that of Cactus. Occasionally there is a sort of rudimentary leaf developed, smooth and of slow growth, which eventually drops off. These plants are interesting, and are desirable

in a collection, but should be given a place outdoors during the blooming period, on account of the disagreeable fragrance of the flowers.

Cactus.—

Mrs. Monroe, of Oklahoma, has a Cactus with jointed stems, some flat and leaf-like, others three-cornered. It blooms every spring, the flowers being as large as a teacup, and of a very rich, bright-red color. It has no thorns. She wants to know its name. It is probably *Phyllocactus Ackermannii*, a very handsome



FLOWER CLUSTER OF HABROTHAMNUS ELEGANS.

and desirable species from Mexico.

Yellow Daisy.—A subscriber from Michigan describes a so-called yellow Daisy which grows on long, green stems near the ground. The flowers were as yellow as gold, and as large as a ten-cent piece. The plant is hardy. This flower was a friend of her childhood days, and she would like to know its name. It was doubtless *Ranunculus Acris*, a beautiful native flower sometimes called Buttercup. Flowers are both single and double, and the petals shine like gold in the sun. They are very numerous during early spring in meadows in some places. They are advertised in the Magazine during the summer.

TWO EVERBLOOMING FLOWERS.

TWO of the best and most popular plants for beds are Ageratum and Petunia, in their new, compact forms. The plants of both are easily raised from seeds, and the plants begin to bloom when very small,



IMPERIAL DWARF AGERATUM.

and continue to produce an abundance of flowers throughout the season until after severe frosts. Both of these flowers, also, do well in pots in the window, and if in good, growing condition in Autumn they will bloom profusely and freely during the bleak months of winter, if given a window with a southern exposure.



NEW, COMPACT PETUNIA.

border, the plants set six or eight inches apart, in a double row. The seeds for a large bed of these flowers may be obtained of seedsmen for ten or fifteen cents, and any person can start the plants by sowing carefully in a box of sifted and firmed soil, and watering carefully. They are truly desirable flowers, and deserve all the praise they receive.

BOSTON FERN.

A GOOD time to repot a Boston Fern is in the spring. It should be shifted into a pot two sizes larger than it was in before. If not too much root-bound, a



BOSTON FERN.

portion of the soil may be shaken off and replaced with new soil. In repotting, make the new soil around the sides firm, using a piece of lath for that work. During winter the plant may be kept in a frost-proof room, but do not remove the fronds, and keep the soil barely

moist. It would not be advisable to attempt wintering such a plant in an illy ventilated cellar.

Names.—The botanical name of the old-fashioned Chamomile grown by our grandmothers is *Anthemis nobilis*. That of the shrub known as Flowering Almond is *Amygdalis communis*.

EUONYMUS JAPONICA.

MR. EDITOR:—

I have a plant without a name, and enclose a leaf. What is its name? It is a very pretty plant, and as easy to grow as a Geranium.—F. E. G., N. H.

Ans.—The leaf enclosed is of *Euonymus Japonica variegata aurea*. It is a hardy evergreen, and makes a beautiful hedge or screen, when planted in a row. It also makes a fine specimen plant on the lawn. South, this *Euonymus* is covered with scarlet berries during winter, which add to its attractiveness. It is readily propagated from cuttings of the branches placed in moist sand. The engraving represents a leaf of the variegated kind.



JAPONICA.

Gem Calla.—The Little Gem Calla is rarely satisfactory, as its leaves have a tendency to turn brown almost as soon as developed, and it is a rare thing to find a plant that develops a bud or flower. The Dwarf Calla (*nana*) is far more satisfactory, though it will grow a foot high. It is a good plant to bloom, and the flowers are mostly fragrant.

EDITORIAL LETTER.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:—Having a few minutes at the River station before embarking I spent it searching for wild flowers in the adjoining pasture meadow



SCHONBUHEL.

and along the river-bank. I was surprised at the wonderful variety, many of which I had never seen before. They were of many genera and species, but those of the order Compositæ predominated. I gathered a big bouquet, and it represented many attractive hues, while the varied forms were interesting, and the fragrance pleasing. The cool, moist temperature of that land seemed to promote the development and beauty of the wildlings, for they appeared more like our spring flowers than those of the autumn.

A good many tourists were waiting to take the boat, but nearly as many landed as were there to embark, so that the space was not crowded. A stop of only a few minutes was made, then the gang-plank was hauled in, the big engines started, and we began to move down the river. How beautiful was the scenery!

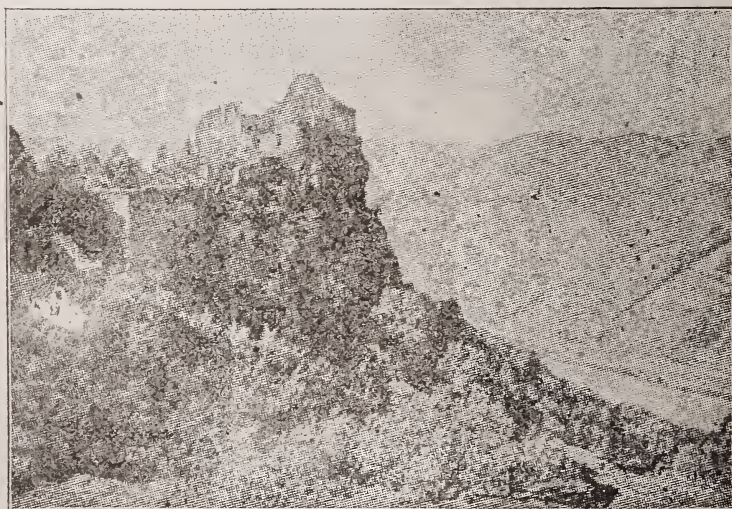
The course was zig-zag, first to the left, then the right, and again left, and at each turn new views met the eye. The banks were often a mass of shrubbery and bloom, while farther back on

either side the elevation rose higher and steeper, covered with a dense growth of wood, or showing precipitous, moss-covered rocks, beautiful in the lovely contrast of colors, and sublime in grandeur.

The first Castle we passed was Schonbuhel, a massive, old, gray structure with a huge tower at the rear, and immense fortifications in front that made it inaccessible in ancient warfare. It stood on a commanding eminence near the river, and nearby were humble cottages, formerly the homes of the subjects of the feudal King. The whole was suggestive of the period when general anarchy prevailed, and the Castle was needed as a stronghold when attacked by enemies. This Castle was in good condition, and apparently occupied.

Passing on we came into full view of Aggstein, a very suggestive mass of old ruins. It is situated on a high, precipitous rock, and has been in decay for centuries. Only the

foundation and lower parts are to be seen, but those are of such a massive character that they tell of years of labor, and of an age when life and property were insecure—an age when barbarous rule was passing, and modern civilization was dawning. Across the river from this Castle were great stretches of sloping, barren rocks, gray and mossy and grand,

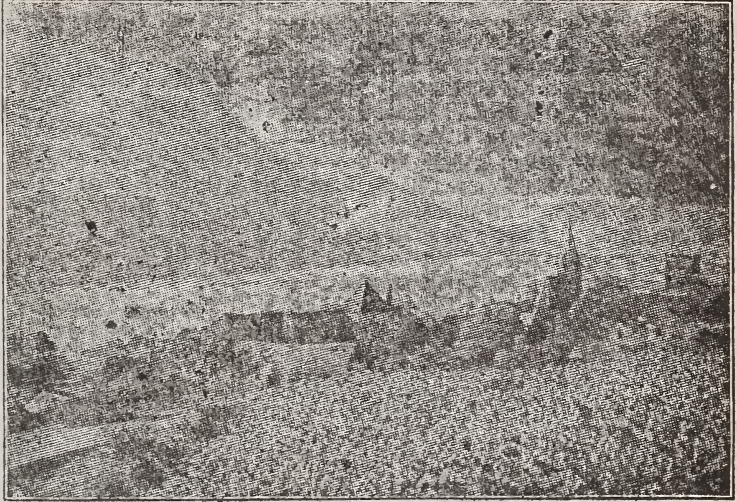


RUINS OF AGGSTEN CASTLE.

forming an indestructible bank, and a weird foreground to the great, broad, wooded mountain.

The Castles mentioned were upon the right

bank, as we moved down the river. But the third was an old church and village at the entrance to a big ravine or valley, and known as Schwallenbach. At the rear was a glorious view, bounded by big hills, and across the river bold, precipitous mountains rose high from the water's edge. What an ideal place for a secluded church, and an inspired worship! for the words of the Psalmist would ever be impressed by the surroundings: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." The buildings here, of gray stone, were in good condition, and the place seemed thrifty. The view is taken looking up the river, and shows a vineyard in the foreground.



SCHWALLENBACH.

A little farther on we came into full view of a magnificent ruin, massive, with a square tower and with rounded embattlements and fortifications of stone. This is the Ruine Hinterhaus, situated on a rocky eminence overlooking the valley and the beautiful Danube. At the end of the valley is the Castle village, and across the river another village, both of very ancient appearance. Another scene from this point is a huge old church surrounded by a group of buildings, all of antiquated design, and faded with the touch of ages. In the view of Ruine Hinterhaus we have the industry and energy of the people well portrayed by the careful

were orchards bending with gold and crimson apples, while the valley showed fields of varied crops, giving a quilt-patch effect. Beautiful trees shaded the village streets, and

partially hid the old church building. The whole landscape from this point was extremely beautiful and poetic, and the ruins, in their imposing grandeur, filled the mind with the weird stories of by-gone days, when brave Knights met as foemen, and chivalry and war ruled the world. More next month.

Truly yours,

LaPark, Pa., March 10, 1910. The Editor.

Walnut Geranium.—The so-called Walnut Geranium is grown chiefly for its beautiful and fragrant foliage. It is desirable as a pot plant, and if bedded out in a sunny place in summer, it will not only thrive, but develop clusters of bloom. One of the leaves is pretty as a background for a button-hole flower.

Blue Salvias.—

Salvia patens is one of the most beautiful blue flowers grown from seeds. It will grow three feet high, and blooms freely in autumn. The roots are tuberous, and can be kept over winter in a frost-proof cellar. *Salvia azurea grandiflora* is also a lovely and showy sort, easily grown from seeds. *Salvia pratensis* is a hardy



RUINE HINTERHAUS.

cultivation of the soil. The land was terraced, where too steep to farm, and beautiful vineyards, purple with fruit, were to be seen. In other sections, where the soil was deeper,

perennial of easy culture, and blooms well in the garden. *Salvia Horminum*, with "blue tops" makes a fine show in a bed. These also are easily grown from seeds.

CHILDREN'S LETTER.

MY DEAR CHILDREN:—This morning, just after daybreak, I was greeted by a medley of bird-song, and I wish you could have all heard the lovely and varied notes as they came from the happy little songsters. I listened and admired, as one after another swelled the chorus. They were the same little song-sparrows that sang so sweetly in late autumn. I knew well their songs, and rejoiced to welcome them back to the shrubbery and vines and flowers about my home. And as I listened what do you suppose chimed in to enrich the melody and add to its volume? Just a dear little



‘Just a dear little robin.’

robin. It was the first robin of the season to remind us of its return by a morning song, and to me there was a touch of sadness in its plaintive notes. My window was up, and the crisp spring air bearing the charming melody gently swayed the curtains, and revealed glimpses of the clear morning sky. I drew the curtains aside and viewed the glowing eastern sky and the pleasing landscape as I listened. There, not far distant, was the winding Pequea, with its green meadow banks, which will soon be bright with flowers; yonder a group of tall Sycamores with smooth, snow-white trunks and branches pointing heavenward, as if reminding us of our duty to God and our fellow-men; and standing in bold relief, all alone, was the great weeping elm, its long, hanging branches thickly set with big, swelling buds, swaying silently in the morning zephyrs, as if beckoning us to note the passing of time, and make good use of our life while we may.

But as I listened to the chorus, and viewed the charming picture before me, I wondered how many of the little songsters would return in spring from their Southern home, and how many that returned would live to go back in



Nest in the old Elm.

autumn. I recalled the disappearance of several little song-sparrows from my LaPark home, and the non-arrival of certain robins that I had learned to know and love from their cheerful

lays. And I recalled, too, with some regret and self-blame, the killing of a robin in the shrubbery close to my home, and the killing of another near the barn, both the work of neighbors' cats that stealthily came upon my grounds. These robins I had listened to every



Scat!

morning hunting birds. If they are turned out they should have a bell attached to a collar about their neck, to warn the birds of their danger.

How rapidly the native song-birds are passing away. Thirty years ago there were flocks of blue-birds to be seen in the spring, and their cheerful notes greeted us along every fence-row. Many of them found homes in hollow fence-stakes and cavities in trees. Where are they today? I have not seen one this spring, although I have been looking for them. They are fast disappearing. They have been driven from their homes—the cavities in stakes and trees—by the aggressive and impudent English sparrows, or have been destroyed by roaming cats that put in their summer-time upon the farms, walking the fences and devouring every bird that builds among the rails and shrubbery.

You have all noticed the cat-bird that sings so sweetly in the thicket by the water's edge. It is one of our best insect destroyers and harmless, as well as a fine singer. Yet it is a trustful bird, and quite tame, so that it is easily caught by its enemies. The young birds are especially innocent, and where there is a cat about it is almost a miracle if one bird escapes her claws. The young are nearly all destroyed by cats, so that the cat-birds are becoming very scarce.



Cat-Bird.

Now, dear children, let me ask you to note the little birds that build about your home this summer. Do not go near the nests or frighten the songsters as they build and rear their little ones. Listen to their songs and learn to distinguish them by their song variation; and when the young birds are able to leave the nest try to see what becomes of them. As a rule, you will find that more than half of the young robins and cat-birds will be-

come food for the sneaking, prowling, worthless cat (not the dear old house-cat that has had good training) that, as is said of the human adversary, Satan, "as a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may devour."

Many farmers keep from six to fifteen cats in summer, and they are fast depleting the song-birds in number and variety. When winter comes from four to ten or twelve of these cats are gathered up and drowned, but the next season the supply is as great as ever. This, done thoughtlessly by the farmer, is ruinous to the song-birds, and should not be allowed. Let us all take a deeper interest in the welfare of the little birds that cannot help themselves from their enemies. We shall thus promote our own pleasure and happiness, and be more than repaid by the good the birds will do us in our fields and orchards and gardens.

Your friend,

La Park, Pa., March 9, 1910. The Editor.

Vines in Oregon.—The following vines would doubtless do well and prove hardy in Oregon: Clematis paniculata, Viticella, Vitalba, Montana and Crispa, Akebia Cornuta, Aristolochia Siphon, Hall's Honeysuckle, Ampelopsis Veitchii and Hederifolia, Fairy Queen Rose, Baltimore Belle Rose, Wistaria Sinensis and Magnifica, Kudzu Vine, Polygonum Multiflorum and Trumpet Vine. Many other vines would doubtless be found adapted to that State, but the above list will be a good nucleus to a large collection.

Magnolia Grandiflora.—This Magnolia grows well in the South, where the soil is rich, sandy, low and sometimes wet. All Magnolias are difficult to transplant, and care must be taken in removing them, and in shading and watering for a year or two after removal. They are hardy as far north as central Pennsylvania, unless greatly exposed to severe winter winds.

Rose for a Porch Vine.—One of the most beautiful of climbing Roses for a porch is Hiawatha. It is more attractive than the common Rambler, being single, and having a light-colored center. The flowers come in huge clusters, and bloom in mid-summer. It is a Wichurian hybrid, and destined to become popular when better known.

Maidenhair Fern.—The hardy Maidenhair Fern makes a fine growth in summer in a well-drained, shady bed, the soil being chiefly leaf-mold and sand, and kept moist. The tender sorts like a rather warm, moist situation in the window and a compost of leaf-mold and sand.

Roses in Florida.—Some of the everblooming Roses do not thrive well in Florida on their own roots, and have to be grafted upon plants that are adapted to the soil and climate; others, however, do well, and make a free growth, producing an abundance of flowers.

PRINCESS PINKS.

THE BEAUTIFUL, richly variegated Pinks shown in the illustration are new varieties of Dianthus Chinensis developed by careful hybridization and selection. The plants come fairly true from seeds, grow a foot high, and begin blooming in mid-summer, continuing until after frost. Unless exhausted blooming and seed-bearing the first year the plants will winter safely, and bloom



satisfactorily the second season. They are exceedingly bright and attractive flowers in the garden, and also grow and bloom well in pots in summer, if the sides of the pots are not exposed to the hot sun, and the soil is kept well moistened. A packet of the seeds in mixture can be purchased for 5 cents, and the enjoyment from the plants and flowers produced could hardly be measured in dollars and cents.

Tiger Lily.—A Florida correspondent complains that her Double Tiger Lily did not bloom. The buds appeared, but when ready to open, they withered and died. This was doubtless due to the heated soil. If the soil about the plant had been covered with stable litter when the weather became warm, the buds would doubtless have developed. All Lilies are benefited more or less by mulching the soil about them. The applied manure enriches the soil, retains the moisture, and keeps the soil cool—conditions which are especially beneficial to the Lily family.

Standing Cypress.—Standing Cypress, known as Imopsis Elegans and sometimes Gilla coronopifolia, is a beautiful, hardy biennial three feet high, with fine-cut foliage, and terminal spikes of rich Cypress-Vine-like flowers, from which its name is derived. It is readily grown from seeds.

GODETIA WHITNEYI.

THE FLOWERS offered in catalogues under the name of *Godetia* are botanically regarded as species of *Oenothera*, the natural order being *Onagraceæ*. The species known under the generic name of *Godetia* are natives of California. They are very beautiful annuals, and especially handsome in countries where the summer temperature is cool, as in Europe.

One of the finest species is *Oenothera (Godetia) Whitneyi*, introduced in 1870. It grows more than a foot high, branching, and bearing flowers from three to four inches across.



GODETIA DUCHESS OF ALBANY.

The original color was rosy-red blotched with crimson, but varieties have developed showing various colors, one of the finest being catalogued as *Godetia Duchess of Albany*, which is a lovely, satiny white, very free-blooming, appearing as represented in the engraving.

These annuals are of easy culture. In a mild climate the seeds may be sown in autumn, and in a severe one in early spring. The plants soon come into bloom, and continue to make a fine display for many weeks. Set six inches apart in a bed they make a gorgeous sheet of color, and are enthusiastically admired when in full bloom.

Sweet Cicely.—An inquirer from Delaware asks for the name of a New Hampshire native plant associated with his boyhood days, which was called "Lovage." He says "the root was very good, and was dug up, washed and eaten." It was probably the Umbelliferous plant known as Sweet Cicely, of which there are two species common in the eastern states. They have a clump of little tubers somewhat like a diminutive clump of *Dahlia* tubers. The taste, as also the odor, is sweet and spicy. Formerly the genus was known as *Myrrhis*, and the common name, often in use, is Sweet Myrrh. The later name is *Washingtonia*, which was given by the botanist Britton. *W. Claytoni* has hairy leaves, and *W. longistylis*, which is the sweeter and richer, has leaves that are nearly smooth. Both are found from Nova Scotia to Virginia, the former as far west as Nebraska.

FRANCOA RAMOSA.

BELONGING to the Saxifrage family we have a beautiful Chilean plant known among florists as Bridal Wreath, but among botanists as *Francoa ramosa*.

The plants grow two feet high, with lyrate or turnip-shaped foliage, from which the long-branched stems of elegant, white flowers issue in abundance, making a splendid display as a pot plant.

Propagation is readily effected from seeds, and the plants are of the easiest culture. They are half-hardy perennials; seedlings begin to bloom the second season, continuing for several years. The lovely sprigs are excellent for cutting, and their purity and beauty suggest the common name, Bridal Wreath, which is in general use.

Francoa ramosa was introduced in 1831, and has been a favorite greenhouse plant in England ever since. It is not hardy in our northern states, but could be bedded out in summer, and protected in winter. In the South it will be found entirely hardy, and a plant well worth giving a place in the flower-garden. It is really an admirable plant, and, being of easy propagation from seeds, should be more popular, as a pot plant North, and a garden plant South.



FRANCOA RAMOSA.

Guava.—Plants of Guava are very easily raised from seeds. Almost every seed will germinate, but the time required is from thirty to thirty-five days. Many persons become discouraged and neglect the seed-box before the plants have had time to start. The plants grow rapidly, and become blooming and fruiting plants in about three years.

Gloxinias.—These are summer-blooming plants, and under ordinary conditions cannot be satisfactorily grown as window-plants in winter. Seedlings started early will bloom by autumn, and if the tubers are kept in a temperature of 50° during winter, they will do well for many years as summer-blooming plants.



THE GIANT-FLOWERED DECORATIVE DAHLIAS.

MUCH INTEREST has lately been manifested in the Giant-flowered Decorative Dahlias, and they well deserve their increasing popularity. The plants grow freely to the height of five or six feet, and bear freely enormous flowers, double to the center, and of rich colors—white, pink, yellow and crimson. The largest of the lot is a new French variety, which is named “Enormous” because of its huge flowers, one of which is fairly represented in the above engraving. It is not uncommon to find, upon a well-grown plant, flowers that measure from eight to ten inches in diameter. The plants of all this class thrive in any good, porous soil, and bloom freely and continuously. A clump of them in bloom always elicits enthusiastic words of praise.

PHACELIA CAMPANULARIA.

BELONGING to the natural order Hydrophyllaceæ is a hardy annual from California known as *Phacelia campanularia*. The plant is less than a foot high, of branching, spreading habit, and bears cymose clusters of flowers of an intense Gentian-blue color, thrown well above the foliage. Being freely produced, the dwarf, dense plants make a neat and attractive bed or edging. The seeds may be sown early in spring, and the blooming period will continue from early summer till autumn. The engraving here given shows the form of the flowers, and the appearance of the clusters.

Hydrangea.—A subscriber in Michigan has a *Hydrangea* in a candy pail that has never had a bloom, although the growth is vigorous, and the plant handsome. She should fertilize with phosphate, and in autumn, after the growth is completed, water sparingly and give the plant a sunny place until the branches harden, and buds form, which will develop into big flower-clusters the next season. The ripening process is essential to the free blooming of the plants.

Lilac.—To promote blooming in a Lilac trim out only the dead and superfluous branches and apply bone-dust liberally, or lime and phosphate, incorporating it with the surface soil. Avoid the use of manure and guano. After blooming, remove the flower-panicles to prevent seeding. This will insure a free growth, and the panicles next season will be larger and more handsome than if seeding is allowed.

Double Perennial Sunflower.—This is known as *Helianthus multiflorus plenus*. It grows about four feet high, and in autumn is covered with perfectly double, golden flowers the size of a common Dahlia, hence is often called Dahlia Sunflower. It is perfectly hardy, and stools out like a *Chrysanthemum*, so that a small plant will soon become a handsome clump. It is readily propagated from root cuttings, or by division of the clumps.

EXTERMINATING RATS AND MICE.

A SUBSCRIBER in South Carolina has lost a number of plants on account of rats and mice, and wants to know how to exterminate the pests. The rats are easily destroyed by the use of Rough on Rats, which is sold by druggists. When poisoned they usually leave the house in search of water. Before setting the poison place cornmeal instead of poison, until you gain the confidence of the pest. Remove the poison the next morning after placing, and again set cornmeal. Mice are easily eradicated by the use of a little spring trap which may be purchased at the 5-cent store, two traps for 5 cts. Set about five traps at the hole where the mice pass in and out, and you will soon have every mouse.

Poinsettia pulcherrima

—This is a true winter-blooming plant, and is most gorgeous during the holidays. As soon as it is through blooming the leaves drop off, so that the plant appears almost as if it were going to die. At this time cut the plant back to three or four eyes, and water sparingly for three or four weeks. When



growth begins gradually begin the supply of water, and it will soon make fine blooming branches. Usually it is necessary to cut the plants back about two-thirds of their growth. This will insure vigor, density, and large, gorgeous flower-bracts. The plants like a very sandy, porous soil and good drainage. They are easily propagated either from cuttings or from seeds.

Valeriana officinalis.—This plant grows two feet high, has pinnate foliage, and tufted corymbs of small, fragrant flowers. It is a perennial found wild in Great Britain, and its roots are prized in medicine. It is sometimes found in gardens in this country.

Kaleidoscope Pepper.—This is a handsome, ornamental plant when covered with its fruits of many colors, from white to scarlet. It is easily grown from seeds, which cost five cents per packet at the seedsman's. It is of easy culture.

A PLEA FOR CITY PEOPLE.

MR. EDITOR:

I READ with great interest the clipping which was sent you by a flower-lover in Missouri, and I cannot help but feel that the sentiment in the clipping is very fine as far as paper goes, but when it comes to



real life I think that a different idea prevails, as people who live in large cities such as ours, and who are all living under unnatural conditions, do not show any lack of appreciation for flowers when they gather them in the country and bring them into the city to brighten their homes. And while they may be withered when they get home, a little water will brighten them up, and the scenes and conditions under which they were gathered will come back to gladden us again.

Undoubtedly our sister lives in the country, and there is open country all about her. The birds sing in the trees just outside her door, and Nature is her constant companion. But if she would change places with me, and if she wanted then to see a piece of blue sky she would have to go out on a fire-escape, and after looking for five minutes up through a maze of milk cans, ripening tomatoes and paper bags galore, which are hung out of the windows, she would discover a small piece of sky that she could hold in her hand. And if she was longing for the chirping of birds she would open her window in vain, for the only thing that sings here are cats, and they certainly are very well trained.

No, no; do not let the thought strike anyone that we older children do not love Nature. The grind of our lives may necessitate the liv-



A beautiful country home and garden.

ing apart from it; but when we return to those scenes, and review the haunts of our childhood, a flood of joyful thoughts comes over us, swelling within us our inherent love for Nature, the open fields, lofty trees, choral of birds, and the soft zephyrs that blow across the fields of new-mown hay, and soon our unnatural way of living, our perplexities and

difficulties are forgotten, and for a few, brief hours we have a sweet respite. Can you blame us if we try to take away with us something that will remind us of these pleasures when we are shut up in a hot city? for bringing back with us a charm that can make us live over the scenes again? I doubt not that you have never viewed the matter in this light, and we know that you sympathize with us who are compelled to live apart from Nature, and who cannot hold communion with her.

You who enjoy these pleasures, we are afraid, become so accustomed to them that they do not appear to mean anything; but we who are shut out from this garden of joy long for the time and the opportunity to again visit it, and live for a brief hour in the place where Nature is at her best. Then, as a little child, never satisfied with a thing until he has gotten possession of it and held it tight to his bosom, we older children are not satisfied with simply looking on such beautiful scenes, but we must clasp them, figuratively speaking, to our bosom by carrying away some remembrance that will have the power to revive us, and take our mind back to the scenes of such joy, when we are far away from them.

My last words are these: That we who live in the city have the same deep, abiding love for Nature, and we have a greater love than many who have the beauties of Nature constantly around them; and anything that we do, whether it be gathering or just gazing, is for the purpose of trying to absorb these things in our hearts, that they may be a source of constant joy.

G. W. Mings.

New York City, N. Y., March 26, 1910.

BEGONIA LUMINOSA.

IN THE 1909 catalogue I noticed several had the new *Begonia luminosa* listed. with very enthusiastic descriptions of the same. Seeing also that Mr. Park had the seeds, I ordered a packet. Every seed must have come up, for I made the mistake of using too small a pot to plant them in, and they were so crowded when large enough to transplant that a number were destroyed. I gave away several, set



BEGONIA LUMINOSA.

three in a pot, and filled a box with the rest. They were soon blooming, and are quite large plants by now. Belonging, as it does, to the *Semperflorens* class, it is practically an ever-bloomer; graceful and very beautiful, with its red, bronzy foliage and red flowers, useful for baskets, vases, and borders to other plants. It does well in any situation, and cannot fail to please all who try it.

Ida A. Cope.

San Jose, Cal., March 21, 1910.

MALLOWS.

EVER SINCE I can remember, I have been acquainted with some members of the Mallow family. We children used to pull the calyx off from the circular arrangement of seeds of the *Malva rotundifolia*, and eat the little mucilaginous "cheese", as we called it, with much enjoyment.

Then there were the Musk Hollyhocks, one pale pink, and one white, with fragile, almost

they were, and with what a variety of gaily-dressed Hollyhock dolls they furnished me.

In later years, traveling by the St. Clair flats in midsummer, I saw and admired the beautiful Swamp Rose-mallow, with its large corolla of softest rose-color. And in the home garden mother always had what she called the "Morning-flower", which I have since learned is the African Hibiscus. It is really a lovely flower, of a color nearly indescribable; if one were to call it a greenish-



transparent petals, and a strong odor of musk.

We had *Malva crispa* on the place, too, half-weed and half-flower, which Gray characterizes as an "adventurer from Europe".

Then there were the Hollyhocks, whose tall, stout stems stood well above my childish head. The double ones, like rosettes of lemon, rose and white, were beautiful, but they must not be carelessly picked, so that on the whole I preferred the riotous single ones, which might be picked at will. Purple and crimson, rose and white, shaded, tinged and centered in all sorts of ways, what a delight

cream color, it might give an idea. Then its deep center is a brown maroon, and the stamens and style combine to form a little velvety-brown spike upstanding in the middle of the blossom.

But last summer I made a new acquaintance in the family, and as she is a very pretty and desirable flower-lady, I wish to describe her to you, Mr. Editor, and see if I have succeeded in naming her correctly.



AFRICAN HIBISCUS.

The seeds were given me by a friend, who said they were "Pride of England". I planted them in the open ground early in May, and in due time the stout, robust-looking little plants

and let me know if I am right. It grows about twelve or fourteen inches high, a nice, compact, branching plant, and it is certainly an acquisition to any garden.

Mason, Mich.

Mrs. James Kerns.

Note.—The plant described is probably *Lavatera trimestris*, sometimes called Annual Hollyhock. It is one of the most showy, beautiful and easily grown of annuals, and should be better known.—Ed.

MARIE PARIE.

ONE of the most pleasing and satisfactory Roses is Marie Parie, a Polyantha or Fairy Rose. While this class of Roses is not considered particularly hardy, my bush has survived several winters here on central Long Island, both with and without protection. The buds are produced in large clusters, after the manner of Crimson Rambler; the color of the buds is pale pink, much like Baltimore Belle. The open blooms are creamy or buff white, with deeper color in the center, and open out about two inches across. The appearance of the open rose is delicate and fragile. They are much more lasting than their appearance would indicate, and as the buds open in succession, the season of bloom is much prolonged. After blooming the branches are pruned somewhat, and new growth soon appears, bringing new clusters of buds. This is repeated all through the growing season. I frequently cut blooms to keep them from freezing. The delicate perfume is also to be noted, as well as the charming manner with which the sprays of flowers harmonize and combine with other flowers.

For beds of all one variety Marie Parie is very desirable, as the profuse and recurring bloom and regular dwarf habit of growth make it almost ideal for this purpose. In the Southern states this Rose grows more shrub-like, and with age reaches a considerable size.

Suffolk Co., N. Y.

C. M. R.

Maurandya Vine.—I sent for seeds of this vine after reading a description of it in the Floral Magazine. I grew it two seasons. I was much in love with it as a vine, but as a bloomer I do not think it is suited to the climate of these bleak New Hampshire hills. It bloomed so late the frost took it soon after commencing to bloom, a fact I regretted very much. The airy gracefulness of the vine pleased myself and all who saw it. F. E. G. Grafton Co., N. H., Feb. 24, 1910.

Calla and Caladium.—For want of room in my pit I left my Calla and Caladium esculentum in the ground, and they are all right, although we have had the coldest winter in twelve years—one night 8° below zero. They had no protection except the tops and an inch of stable manure. Mrs. Ella Locke. Belleville, Ark., Feb. 28, 1910.



A ROW OF HOLLYHOCKS.

appeared. They stood transplanting perfectly, and made haste to grow and to bloom. I promptly fell in lovewith the plant. It was unmistakably a Mallow, and reminded me in a far-off way of the old Musk Hollyhock, though it had not the odor. But such healthy, beautiful, dark-green leaves! such long-pointed buds, reminding one of Rosebuds! such large, glowing flowers of just the sweetest tint of pink. And it was very floriferous, and it bloomed till a hard frost killed the plants, full of buds. Now is not that a list of virtues for one plant to possess? It is an annual, but you may be sure I have seeds saved. Really, I think it is as desirable as nearly any of the old standard annuals which we prize so highly.



MALOPE GRANDIFLORA.



LAVATERA TRIMESTRIS.

I studied all my catalogues, and I have about made up my mind that it is the Malope grandiflora. Please, Mr. Editor, take pity on me,

PHOTINIA ARBUTIFOLIA.

GROWING WILD in the Coast Range Mountains of California is an evergreen shrub, which is known there by various names, such as the Christmas Berry Tree and Toyon, but which is catalogued as *Photinia arbutifolia*. Its habit of growth is rather straggling, but when transplanted to our gardens and pruned back, it becomes bushy and luxuriant. During the holidays, from November till February and March, it is loaded down with great clusters of glowing-red berries. Its use for decorating is so generously employed that wagon-loads of it are seen coming into town from the surrounding hills during its height of beauty. It can easily be raised from seeds, and bears transplanting well, but its use as a decorative adjunct to home grounds is limited in our neighborhood to a few specimens.

Ida A. Cope.

San Jose, Cal., March 21, 1910.

A Beautiful Bed.—I have seen flower-beds costing not less than \$5.00, and though



AMARANTHUS TRICOLOR.

not eye-sores, certainly were not things of beauty. I have seen a bed eight feet across, costing less than ten cents, that was a perfect joy to behold. This bed was filled to within eighteen inches of its border with *Amaranthus tricolor*, the border with *Emperor Petunias*; and this bed from

early spring till late fall was a mass of glowing color. Neither dry weather nor wet weather seemed to affect it. If a striking bed is wanted, try this combination and be happy.

J. W. Cramer.

St. Louis City Co., Mo., March 15, 1910.

Annuals for Winter-blooming.

—At this writing (March 1st) since the first week in January I have not been without flowers of *Cosmos*, *Balsam*, *Zinnia*, *Calendula* and *Marigold*. One thing I can say about annuals for winter-blooming, that is, they bloom in ordinary soil in the living-room in from eight to nine weeks. I have one *Zinnia* particularly lovely, being pure lilac with a distinct border of light green. All annuals seem bound to bloom, even indoors, though smaller in growth, the *Cosmos* being only eight inches high. I had pink and white, and oh, how they did bloom! new buds constantly coming. The *Balsams* were troubled with spider, but the others were not attacked. *Oxalis Bowei* is lovely. The bulbs came in January, and were frozen, but immersing in cold water several hours brought them out, and in five weeks after planting the seven bulbs showed over a hundred buds and flowers.

Piscataquis Co., Me.

Ida A. Seecomb.

AFRICAN IMPATIENS.

THE AFRICAN IMPATIENS (*I. Zanzibariensis* and *I. Holstii*) are among the most beautiful of house plants, seldom or never out of flower. When not in flower the plants are covered with hundreds of beautiful, pendent buds, ready to bloom. To be successful with this fine flower, grow new plants frequently from cuttings. The cuttings root readily if placed in a glass of water, which must not be changed. As the water evaporates, add more, and when the cuttings are well rooted, plant out into the garden or in pots. If in pots, see that the drainage is good, and soil rich with hen-droppings, and keep the plants well watered.



I. Holstii.

Many call the *Impatiens* "Disappointment Plant." It is when conditions are not right. But give them the right growing conditions, and no plant will give you a greater amount of pleasure.

They can also be grown from seeds, not being at all hard to raise; but as every cutting will take root, I find the easiest way to keep up my supply of plants is by starting cuttings, and I also keep a large stock of young cuttings rooted as gifts for my friends.

J. W. Cramer.

St. Louis City Co., Mo., March 10, 1910.

Azalea.—I have an *Azalea* which has done well for me for five years, and I treat it in this way: When the weather gets warm enough I set it out on the concrete; then, in the fall I give it some new loam and keep it well watered. So many are unsuccessful with *Azaleas* that I feel fortunate with my plant. But I would like to know how to prune it, as it is getting unshapely, and I hesitate to cut it lest I should injure it. Mrs. S. Downing.

Plymouth Co., Mass., March 25, 1910.

Ans.—When *Azalea* plants become large they are not generally pruned, but brought into graceful shape by tying the stronger branches in or down. This must be done after the flowers fade. The manner of tying will depend upon the shape the plant is to assume, and is largely due to the taste of the culturist. The strings and sticks used can be removed after the branches are set.—Ed.

Geraniums.—What flower is better suited for the farmer's wife or any other busy woman than the *Zonale Geranium*? No flower will stand more abuse and neglect, and none are more beautiful. They make a fine display in summer, and if you have no window for them they can be wintered in the cellar. I never get too many *Geraniums*.

Mrs. M. M. Krukke.

Josephine Co., Ore., March 14, 1910.



ABOUT ERIGERON SPECIES AND HYBRIDS.

THE SPECIES OF ERIGERON are found in Europe, Asia and America. The flowers are Aster-like, and vary in color from white to orange, and through shades of blue and violet. The plants grow from eight to ten inches high, and when set in a bed make a beautiful summer display. They are mostly hardy perennials which stool out and form dense, thrifty clumps from which the flower-stems issue in abundance. They are readily propagated from seeds, or by division of the clumps.

Perhaps the most showy and beautiful of the species is *Erigeron Aurantiacus*, which was introduced from Turkestan in the year 1879. Each flower is two inches across, of a bright orange color, and borne on an individual stem, as shown in the engraving, which represents a clump. The florists have improved this kind by hybridization, so that the flowers come in many rich colors, and are of more substance than the flowers of the original species.

Erigeron Coulteri has white flowers, and *E. speciosus*, sometimes catalogued as *Stenactus speciosus*, blue flowers. All the species are worthy of cultivation, and the hybrids of *E. Aurantiacus*, being especially attractive on account of the showy flowers of bright colors, should be a necessity in every perennial garden. The seeds are sold by seedsmen at 5 cents per packet.



FLOWERS.

How could we live without the flowers,
 You and I?
 How could we pass life's weary hours,
 You and I?
 No roses rich to brighten our way,
 No fragrant bloom from day to day—
 Just the dull, old world
 With its green and gray—
 Just green and gray.

How would the bees find work to do,
 Honey sweet,
 With naught but leaves the whole day through,
 Honey sweet?
 Fields of Clover without the bloom,
 Driven and tossed by win d's low moan—
 Just leaves,
 Green leaves.

What is the thought of flowers to you,
 Dear friend?
 Plucked in the morn, fr esh with the dew,
 My friend?
 How'll she greet them? With tender kiss?
 Delicate blooms, conveying bliss,
 And the joy of your heart,
 And a message impart.

Beautiful flowers! when life's day's done,
 And you at rest;
 Eyes closed, arms folded peacefully
 Over your breast.
 Lay them carefully o'er the pall,
 Sweetest, fairest, we love them all.
 This is their mission:
 Through the dark hours
 To comfort and cheer.
 Beautiful flowers!

Martha A. Peck.
 Kalamazoo Co., Mich., Jan. 24, 1910.

ALL THE WORLD WILL WELCOME YOU.

Do you know a solace sure
 For a weary, homesick heart?
 Happiness that will endure?
 Joy for every day a part?

Have you found the path that leads
 Over flowers that never fade?
 Gardens with no noxious weeds?
 Beams that light the darkest glade?

Have you found a faithful friend
 And a love all pure and true?
 Tell the story to the end,

All the world will welcome you.
 Waverly, N. Y. Ruth Raymond.

ARBUTUS.

The gray clouds drift,
 Through golden rift
 A sunbeam comes to earth
 To kiss the vine
 Where dark leaves shine
 'Til frail buds rise to birth.

And Arbutus,
 Pale Arbutus,
 A priceless waxen ring,
 Flings fragrance rare
 Upon the air
 As incense to the spring.

Waverly, N. Y. Ruth Raymond.

SPRING.

Spring, for whom we've waited long,
 Comes at length with shine and song
 From the sunny southland fair,
 Where the stately Palm-trees are.
 Asphodels and Orange blooms
 Lade the air with sweet perfumes,
 And the star-eyed Jessamine
 'Mong the Oleanders twine.

Decked and robed in bright array,
 Comes she on her welcome way;
 Fair as any virgin queen;
 Trailing robe of em'rald green,
 Floating veil of silv'ry mist,
 Fringed with pearl and amethyst;
 All her sunny hair unbound—
 Jewel-wreathed and rainbow-crowned.

Ev'rything, as with one voice,
 At her coming does rejoice;
 Loudly laugh the leaping rills,
 Sing for joy the woods and hills;
 Ring the winds in tuneful chords,
 Chiming sweet with songs of birds.
 From the mountain to the sea
 Sounds the song of jubilee.

Daffodils in yellow hoods
 Stand in sweet, expectant moods;
 Purple Pansies ope' their eyes
 With a look of glad surprise;
 Lilacs lift aloft their plumes,
 Do her honor as she comes.
 Thus all nature hastes to bring
 Some sweet sign of 'wakening.

Heart, where is our offering
 To the gentle, gracious spring?
 I will take my harp again,
 Which so long has silent lain,
 And will try if I can make
 One sweet strain for spring's sweet sake.
 Winter proved a cruel king;
 While he reigned I could not sing.

All untuned my harp! Ah, me!
 Now I do my folly see.
 Heart, it had been far more wise
 To have sung 'neath wintry skies.
 What though flowers were lying low
 Underneath the frost and snow?
 What though singing birds had flown,
 And you and I had sung alone?

Knew we not the flowers but slept
 Over which we sadly wept?
 Knew we not that never yet
 Spring to make them did forget?
 And that always in her train
 Came the sweet-voiced birds again?
 Was our faith so weak that we
 Beyond the present could not see?
 Richmond, Va., March 23, 1910. A. R. Corson.

THE SEED.

Lie dormant in your cell
 Through cold and storm,
 Until Spring's voice shall tell:
 "Awake! 'tis morn."

Then with the first warm ray
 Of summer's sun,
 Upward you shoot away—
 Life's race begun.

And next your branches bend
 Low in the breeze,
 Which wearily does trend
 'Mong full-grown trees.

But ere the snow does fall—
 While you're still young—
 Nature's low voice shall call:
 "This day's work's done."

Jan. 29, 1910.

W. Reggie Milan.

A DANDELION.

Dear common flower, shining there,
A bit of sunny grace;
Glad for the call of balmy spring,
Thou leavest earth's embrace.



Welcome, we say, to earth anew,
Knowing thy smile of yore;
The precious promise thou bringest, too,
Of summer hours galore.

Thou art so soon to welcome spring,
And friendly is thy stay;
We see thee by the roadside cling
To cheer us on our way.

And if the spring and summer hours
In vain should bid thee come,
How we among the common flowers
Would mourn the loss of one.

With a heart as warm and glowing,
Tho' lowly be the place,
May we still like thee be showing
The world a sunny face.

Edna Breneman.

Bainbridge, Pa., Jan. 20, 1910.

THE ROSE IN THE RAIN.

The hill-tops in blurred, misty beauty,
The gray clouds closely enfold,
And rain falleth fast 'gainst the casement—
The day is all cheerless and cold.
But out in the rain-sodden garden,
One gleam, as of sunshine, I see,
Where a yellow Rose, buoyant and hopeful,
Is gracefully nodding to me.

Thou essence of sunshine and summer!
Though thy heart to the storm lieth fair,
Still thy unalloyed gold is untarnished,
Thy perfection it may not impair.
Oh, yellow Rose, out in the rain-storm!
Thy life gives a lesson to mine,
For thou, though the storms beat around thee,
Ever holdeth thy bit of sunshine.

Jonis, Okla., Feb. 2, 1910.

Ella M. Goodwin.

OUR SEASIDE HOME.

Oh, we live in a cottage by the sea,
Where balmy breezes blow wild and free;
Where the ocean sparkles the whole day long,
And birds sing sweetly to me.

Where grasses grow long and jewel-green,
'Neath shadiest trees of the richest hue,
And where Roses lift in the morn their heads,
All covered with sparkling dew.

Where Daisies grow 'round the gurgling spring,
Which bubbles up laughing and clear,
And bend low to kiss its waters bright,
That ripple throughout the year.

Where the moon climbs over the mountains high,
And the Evergreens lift their boughs,
As the Angel of Slumber sweet dreams inspire,
Secure by the old red Rose.

John Wm. Barber.

Dekalb Co., Ind.

AFTER WINTER.

Winter, drear winter, soon will be gone,
And spring, beauteous spring, come tripping along,
Cheering our hearts and gladdening the hours
With singing of birds and blooming of flowers.

Then Violet, sweet Violet, will push up its head
In beauty and fragrance, with nothing to dread;
Teaching a lesson that is all-complete,
How life, simple life, can be humble and sweet.
Franklin Co., Ga., Feb. 3, 1910. Mrs. C. C.

COLORADO.

There's a song from the river below me,
A song from the cedars o'erhead;
The wind creeps down from the snowline
And startles the elk from his bed.
With the breath of the forests around me,
And clouds calm and white above,
Then gay and free in my saddle,
I follow the trail that I love.

The Primrose blooms white in my pathway,
Where Columbines toss their blue heads,
Where above me scream Magpie and Bluejay,
Aroused by my trusty steed's tread.
The cool, dull gray of the Sage-brush,
Which fades into purple above;
The song of Redbreast and Sparrow,
And the coo of the wild Turtle-dove.

'Tis the land of the West and of freedom,
And the land of romance and song;
Its mountains hold strength for the weakling,
Its valleys vast work for the strong.
The West is the land of the future,
But still 'tis the land of today,
Where nature gives forth her most precious,
And the wealth of ages holds sway.

Mrs. E. D. Redmon.

Gunnison Co., Colo., Feb. 8, 1910.

LAUGH A LITTLE.

Laugh a little. It is better
That a smile should greet each day.
Laughter loosens bonds that fetter,
Drives the cares and clouds away.

Laugh a little. When the billow
Rocks your craft a smile is best.
Dry the fears that flood your pillow—
They who laugh earn sweetest rest.

Laugh a little. All the treasure
Of the earth is won by smiles.
Love and Joy, Content and Pleasure—
These await on Laughter's wiles.

Laugh, and all your cares grow lighter,
Joys are dearer, paths more plain;
Laugh, and silver clouds loom brighter—
'Tis a laugh that conquers pain.

Portsmouth, N. H. Charles Henry Chesley.

LEAFY LANE! SHADY LANE!

Leafy lane! shady lane!
Leading to yon leafy bower,
Where the soft winds are caressing
Every leaf and flower.

Leafy lane! shady lane!
In the morning's early light
Sun-kissed leaflets, how they glitter,
Gemmed with dewdrops bright.

Leafy lane! shady lane!
With o'erlapping boughs above;
Whispering winds among the branches
Seem to tell a tale of love.

Leafy lane! shady lane!
Near the Elder blossoms white;
I would keep a tryst with nature
In the soft moonlight.

Mrs. Emma P. Ford.

Cook Co., Ill., Jan. 16, 1910.

YUCCA FILAMENTOSA.

YUCCA FILAMENTOSA is a perfectly hardy plant, standing even the most severe winters without injury; and for planting in a damp place, or a dry, bare place where other plants will not thrive, nothing can be better. Its fragrant, creamy blossoms and tropical-appearing leaves will turn it into a veritable beauty spot. It has



ROW OF YUCCAS.

the advantage over the taller Yucca in not having such sharp, bayonet-like leaves, most Yucca leaves being really dangerous to children. The Yucca filamentosa likes sand or sandy loam the best of all soils, though it will thrive in any kind, and two or three plants will soon cover a considerable plot, as it spreads both from root and seed.

Mrs. L. S. Henderson.

Fairfield Co., S. C., Jan. 16, 1910.

Gaillardias.—I want to say a good word for the gay Gaillardia. Why is it not more generally known and more generously



GAILLARDIA.

grown? I know of no other flower that will endure such hardships and still bloom on undaunted. Mine have withstood seasons of flood and of drouth, have gone through the heat of summer and the cold of winter quite unprotected, have been almost overgrown with crab-grass, and still each spring a multitude of young plants appear from self-sown seeds. And from June until a severe frost cuts them short, the bright, brave blossoms, on their long, wiry stems, are always nodding a message of undiminished cheerfulness.

Ella M. Goodwin.

Oklahoma Co., Okla., Feb. 14, 1910.

Rocky Mountain Columbine.

I have had considerable experience in growing the native Aquilegia or Rocky Mountain Columbine. I have found the plants little trouble, unless transplanted when so large that the roots are injured, or planted where they have too much dampness in winter. They will not be hurt by irrigation in summer, if there is good drainage. I have some plants several years old that I give plenty of water in summer, even mulch, and they are growing larger and bloom freely. The soil is but a few inches deep, and beneath is a bed of almost pure sand.

Katherine Smalley.

Colorado City, Col.

ABOUT OPUNTIAS.

HERE ARE NAMES and descriptions of several choice Opuntias having long hair-like spines: *O. Senilis*, large grower, rounded joints, usually elongated, its spines being pure white and two to three inches in length, appearing as a covering of hair on the plant. Flowers yellow, fruit very large; known as "Old Man Opuntia". I have a nice specimen of this Cactus in my collection, and believe it is the real Old Man Opuntia. The spines grow longer as the plant grows older, and are a pure white, giving the plant an odd and beautiful appearance.

Another plant somewhat resembling the above is *O. Rutila*. This is a great favorite found in the Mohave Desert. Low, bushy growth, with very white spines, like stiff hair. A much finer and rarer sort than *O. Senilis*, the Old Man Opuntia. Flowers double, and of a fine, deep rose, a most unusual color on flat-stemmed Opuntias.

Then another is the *O. Ursina* (Grizzly Bear Cactus), which is described as being found in almost inaccessible portions of the Mohave Desert, and the nearest rival of the Old Man Cactus (*P. C. Senilis*), with hair-like spines very plentiful, sometimes six inches long; grows quickly, but will not endure water, and grows best in lime, sand and broken stone, kept almost dry.

The above descriptions are given in matter which I have on Cactuses and their culture, and I believe are correct. I also believe in learning and using the correct names of plants, and one can in most cases identify the different kinds from the descriptions, notes and illustrations in catalogues and other matter on Cactuses, and to me it is a great pleasure when receiving plants or cuttings unnamed, to get out my Cactus books and identify every one of them. Although some of the names are very long and hard to pronounce, I find when once learned I never forget them, and think the collection more valuable and interesting when properly named and classified. It is my desire to "second the motion" that flower folks write more about Cactuses and their culture.

J. E. Brown.

Cook Co., Ill., Jan. 14, 1910.

Iceland Poppies.—Floral sisters, try growing the Iceland Poppies. The plants are hardy biennials or perennials, but if the seeds are started early in the spring they will often begin to bloom the first season. The flowers are of Orchid fineness, and of early and long-continued bloom.

Mrs. G. R. McCue.

Tioga Co., Ohio.

Iris Kämpferi.—Last winter I sowed a packet of *Iris Kämpferi* seeds in a box in the house. Eleven came up in a few weeks, and were planted out in May. Now they are strong plants, and will doubtless bloom the coming season.

Mrs. R. A. Bennett.

James City Co., Va.

DE OL' HOME! DE OL' HOME!**CYCLAMEN CULTURE.**

De ol' home! De ol' home
 Am fairest place we know;
 It hab de clearest singin'-birds,
 De sweetest flowers dat grow.
 Its meadows am de brightest green,
 Its skies de deepest blue.
 De ol' home! De ol' home,
 Where all de folks am true.

De ol' home! De ol' home,
 Wid windows all aglow—
 Da beckon to de absent ones
 Across de hills ob snow;
 De do' am standin' open wide,
 Same as it used to do.
 De ol' home! De ol' home,
 Where all de folks am true.

De ol' home! De ol' home
 Am laik de Heab'nly Land—
 When we am tired er all de worl'
 'Pears dars a lovin' hand
 To draw us in and give us all
 De t'ings we's longed to view.
 De ol' home! De ol' home,
 Where all de folks am true.

Waverly, N. Y.

Ruth Raymond.

THE COMING OF THE DAISY.

O Daisy, dear Daisy, come, open your eyes!
 The lark's o'er the meadow, the sun's in the skies;
 The cuckoo has come o'er his long southern track,
 And says: "Where's the Daisy to welcome me back?"

"The hedgerows are greening, Primroses in bud;
 The scent of Violets is sweet in the wood;
 The Lillacs are blown, and the Daffodils, too,
 And children are watching and waiting for you."

So Daisy arose and put on her white gown;
 She came to the meadows, she came to the down;
 The breeze stopped to kiss her before it went by,
 And sunbeams shone bright on her out of the sky.

Then the world was as radiant as of yore,
 While the flowers in beauty blossomed once more,
 For winter was over, the birds 'gan to sing,
 And sweet Daisy blossomed as sign of the spring.
 Carbon Co., Pa., March 1, 1910. Mrs. Wm. Kipp.

NATURE'S LESSON.

In sparkling brook, in crystal shower,
 In op'ning bud, in fragrant flower,
 In leafy bush, in stately tree,
 In rippling rill, in waving sea,
 In starry sky, in ocean blue,
 In winter's frost, in summer's dew,
 God's handiwork reveals his love,
 And beckons us to realms above.

Frederick, Okla.

W. M. Creveling.

DAFFODIL TIME.

Oh, it's Daffodil time!
 You can hear the low chime
 Of the golden bells ringing there,
 As they swing in the dawn
 Where they border the lawn
 And make all the morning more fair.

Oh, it's Daffodil time!
 Now the birds sing a rhyme
 And fit thro' the fast-budding trees,
 And the voice of the wind,
 Oh, so loving and kind!
 The shy, early blossoms will please.

Oh, it's Daffodil time!
 Soon the tender vines climb
 Where Phoebe is pruning her wing.
 Then old loves are renewed
 And new pledges are proved—
 'Tis Daffodil time in the spring!
 Sunnyside, Waverly, N. Y. Ruth Raymond.

I HAVE had success with Cyclamen by planting seeds about March 1st, in old pans with drainage holes, in a compost containing considerable humus, and a liberal portion of sand. I place the pans in the south window. The seeds are hard, and often the embryo leaves cannot break through their outer casing, unless filed previous to planting. That is why I plant in pans. It keeps them more moist than pots, and it is not so necessary to cut or file the seeds. They are planted an inch apart each way. They will need re-setting about May, in compost having considerable humus. Keep them growing during summer in a partly shaded place, and keep moist, as Cyclamen love water, and they will bloom the forepart of next winter. After the first summer they can be rested in a shady place,



CYCLAMEN.

but my plants are never without one or two leaves during the summer rest. I think to let them get thoroughly dry lessens their vitality, and they will not bloom as early the following winter. After plants are in full bloom we shade from full sun, and they last fully twice as long. Plant only giganteum types for fine flowers. Try some of the orchid-flowered, also. I have had Cyclamen in bloom all winter. I raised about thirty plants last winter. One has exceptionally large flowers that are almost double, having petals over two inches long and nine in number, and of great substance. Another plant has flowers, the petals of which are twisted and stand straight out, making a flat flower. I wish you could see the Cyclamen in bloom in our windows now.

W. N. Leighty.

Germantown, Ohio, Feb. 25, 1910.

A Floral Device.—I got a large candy-bucket and bored holes in two rows around it, twelve holes in all. I filled it with good soil and set a Palm and some Ferns on top, and inserted Petunia plants in the holes, selecting the colors. I placed this bucket upon a pedestal, and it became a thing of beauty, clothed with drooping foliage, and wreathed with flowers.

P. H. C.

New Iberia, La., March 25, 1910.

A Showy Hedge.—I had a row of Giant Sunflowers, with a row of Peppers in front, and it made a gorgeous show in the fall.

P. H. C.

New Iberia, La., March 25, 1910.

COLUMBINES IN OREGON.

COLUMBINE species are all hardy in Oregon. I have had the same clumps since I started them from seeds seven years ago. One is under the eaves, where the water fairly pours on it when we have rain. Another is where it has irrigation a great deal of the time, and is nearly smothered by other things. Last summer, after



COLUMBINE BLOOM.

blooming, the tops mildewed, and I cut them off to make more room for other things. Some seedlings were planted on the south side of the house, where it was rather dry, and they did no good at all: many of them died. I find the plants do not bloom freely, and are liable to mildew if much crowded, nor will they do well in the hot sun unless partially shaded. Otherwise you can hardly mistreat them enough to kill them. Ada Fitzpatrick.

Wallowa Co., Oreg., Jan. 12, 1910.

Vinca Rosea.—One of our very best bedding plants for this locality is the Vinca Rosea. It has such beautiful dark-green, waxy leaves that it would be ornamental if it never blossomed; but added to the foliage are the star-shaped, pink-and-white single blossoms. They are both showy and modest, make fine cut flowers, and re-seed themselves with us. They are splendid for bordering paths, etc., as they bloom from early summer until after hard frost.

Columbia Co., Fla.

Mrs. L. Eastman.



VINCA ROSEA.

HARDY CACTUSES.

HOW MANY Magazine readers have experimented with the hardy Cactuses, or have a bed of them in their yard or on the lawn? The plants referred to are those found growing wild in our western and northern States. While living in southwestern Nebraska some years ago, I made quite a study of the varieties found there, and also in eastern Colorado.

There are several species of large- and small-leaved *Opuntias*, or Prickly Pears, as they are called there: a dwarf one which grows in little clusters or bunches, with many sharp spines, and a very fine *Mammillaria*, which, I believe, answers to the name of *M. viviparus*. This *Mammillaria* I have found both singly and in clusters, growing on the prairies and sand-hills among the Sage-bush and grasses, sometimes in almost pure sand. Single specimens grow from half an inch in diameter to the size of a teacup, and in clusters of from two to twelve or more. The spines show a contrast of black, gray and blood-red, and the plant is very showy, while the flowers are about one and a half inches in diameter, bright, rosy carmine, and deliciously scented. Although this pretty little plant can be found at almost any time, June is the best time to look for them, as the flowers are so rich and bright they can be seen from quite a distance, and in riding or walking about on a bright June day I have found them by the dozen. After the flowers are gone, small pears or seed-pods appear, and the plants are very easily started from seeds. It is an excellent bloomer, and I have often found as many as four or five buds on a single specimen, besides the flowers in bloom. My experience has been that they take kindly to cultivation, and the next time I visit my old western home I expect to collect enough of these beautiful little plants to plant a large circular bed.

The *Opuntias* have flowers of different shades of yellow, some variegated with red, and all are beautiful and make a splendid show every season when planted in very sandy and gravelly soil, and they increase in size and beauty from year to year.

Chicago, Ill.

J. E. Brown.

Sowing Fine Seeds.—I have the earth sifted and firmed, and rows marked, then I place the seeds in a tablespoon, and, using the blade-point of my penknife, I space the seeds as I wish them in the rows. I find this method vastly superior to my attempts to distribute the seeds with my finger-tips.

Mrs. N. J. McK.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 23, 1910.

Digitalis.—The *Digitalis* or Foxglove is very easy to raise from seeds. From a small packet I raised thirty-five plants—enough for a large bed.

Mrs. R. A. Bennett.

James City Co., Va.

SHIRLEY POPPIES.

FEBRUARY of last year, I sowed the seeds from a five-cent packet of Shirley Poppies in a sunny, well-spaded bed (about 6x8 feet) of rather sandy garden loam, and I think every seed must have grown, for, oh, how thickly they came up! It grieved me dreadfully to have to thin them so ruthlessly, as was, of course, necessary, for I could not help regretting the blossoms that "might have been". They began blooming about the last week of May, and for several weeks that bed was the most surprisingly beautiful thing, in this neighborhood, at least.



SHIRLEY POPPY.

Words are inadequate to portray the exquisite grace and delicate loveliness of some of the blooms, or the voluptuous gorgeousness of others—the silky, crinkled petals of such varied hues and markings. Truly they are flowers of such ethereal grace and beauty as to fully merit their name of "Fairy" or "Ghost" Poppies. With me they are among the "must haves", and, like Oliver Twist, I always want "more". Ella M. Goodwin.

Oklahoma Co., Okla., Feb. 14, 1910.

NEMESIA AND SALPIGLOSSIS.

AMONG all my flowers there is none, no, not one! that gives me more satisfaction than the dainty Nemesia.

Not half enough is said in its praise. It makes a lovely window plant, and will be just like a bouquet of flowers. The beautiful "baby-blue" color is the one I like best.



NEMESIA.



SALPIGLOSSIS.

Another very fine window plant is the grand Salpiglossis, with its rich, royal purple or bright, scarlet blooms. It is also a fine plant for bed on the lawn in summer. Both are very easy to raise, and should be in every flower collection.

A. D. Hack.

Morgan Co., Col., Oct. 16, 1909.

The Petunia.—One of my favorites is the Petunia. The flowers are large and showy, freely produced, show a great variety of shades and markings, and are delightfully fragrant. They are easily grown, and in bloom all the time, from early spring till late frosts. You can always depend upon the Petunia.

Mrs. H. Mills.

Dewey Co., Okla., March 7, 1910.

Agapanthus from Seeds.—I once bought a paper of seeds from our Editor, and they grew nicely. The third season two of the plants sent up a flower-stalk loaded with the lovely, blue, Lily-like blooms.

James City Co., Va. Mrs. R. A. Bennett.

PLANTS FROM SEEDS.

THE FINEST DAHLIAS I ever had were grown from seeds, and bloomed abundantly the first year; and as for Cannas, I never plant anything but seeds, as I have found I can secure as fine plants much more cheaply, in greater variety, by using seeds than in any other way. Chrysanthemums may be grown from seeds with splendid success, and also Carnations. In planting seeds of any of these flowers it is, of course, desirable to secure as early a start as possible, and the hotbed is therefore the proper place for starting them; but I have had as good success by planting them in the open ground later in the season.



DOUBLE DAHLIAS.

In planting Canna seeds a hole must be cut

in the hard covering of each seed to insure germination, and these should then be planted two inches deep, in rich soil. In the case of Dahlias, Chrysanthemums and Carnations, the seeds are smaller, and should be planted very shallow, in loose, rich soil, either in the hotbed during February or March, or in the open ground when danger of frost is over. Cannas planted in April, in the open, bloom for me from July onward, while Dahlias started in boxes in a sunny window early in March bloom in August, and by the time of frost are fully as tall as plants from tubers, and fully as free-blooming.

As to culture, all these plants thrive with only moderate care, and Cannas and Dahlias with even less care than garden vegetables. All require rich soil, and Dahlias must have an abundance of water, soapy water being best. A mulch of straw or grass clippings will be of benefit to any of the plants in summer.

Jas. M. Bonner.

Warren Co., Tenn., Jan. 28, 1910.

Ficus Carica.—A year ago I sent to you for some Fig seeds. I made three sowings, and finally raised one plant. It grew nearly a foot high last year. I have tenderly cared for it all winter. It is now starting new growth, and bids fair to be a nice large plant. I am hoping it will bear this year. My experience with Fig trees is very limited, this plant is the only one I have ever seen. If I should happen to raise Figs in northern New Hampshire, it will be an achievement worthy of note.

F. E. G.

Grafton Co., N. H., Feb. 24, 1910.

REVIVING A PALM.

MR. EDITOR:

WHAT ails my Kentia Palm? In three years it has sent up five leaves with stems all the same height. The leaves are large and perfect, and the plant is healthy-looking. It is in a seven-inch pot, with ordinary garden loam and a little sand. I have not fertilized it much, for I did not



like to have it grow very large. A little cow-manure tea is all it has had, and I give it water as I think it needs it. It is in a north window, in a cool room. It looks so queer with five leaves all the same height that I shall be very thank-

ful for suggestions to improve it.

Middlesex Co., Mass.

Mrs. Nelson.

Ans.—Place some pulverized sheep manure over the soil, then cover with sphagnum moss, and set the pot inside of a large vessel, with sphagnum moss between. This will keep the roots cool and prevent rapid evaporation. As soon as danger of frost is past set the plant outdoors in a place protected from wind and the hot noonday sun. By autumn you will have a handsome and satisfactory plant for your window, instead of an inferior, stunted one.—Ed.

TO CRYSTALLIZE FLOWERS.

TO CRYSTALLIZE flowers construct some baskets of fancy form with wire and wrap them with gauze. Into these tie to the bottom Violets, Ferns and Geranium leaves, in fact, any flower except full-blown Roses, and sink them in a solution of alum in a gallon of water. After the solution has cooled the colors will be preserved in their original beauty, and the crystallized alum will hold better than when a hot solution is used. When you have a light covering of crystals remove the baskets carefully, and allow to drip for twelve hours. These baskets make a beautiful parlor ornament, and preserve the freshness of the flowers for a long time.

Mrs. Ida F. Lee.

Dauphin Co., Pa., March 10, 1910.

Seedling Begonias.—I have had great success growing Begonias from seeds. I sift the dirt and moisten it a little, then scatter the dust-like seeds over, but do not cover them. Then I put glass over the pot or box and keep it on until the plants are large enough to transplant. If the vessel is set upon the incubator where the temperature is even, you will be surprised how quickly the little plants will appear, and how fast they grow.

R. C. Minneman.

Rush Co., Ind., Jan. 10, 1910.

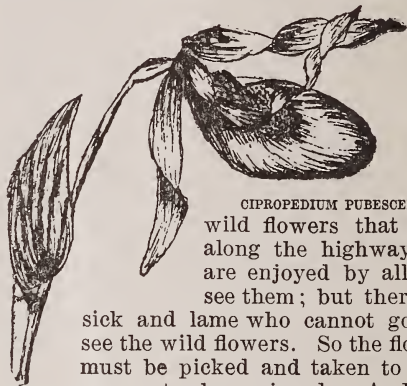
Dipper Gourd.—I had a large Dipper Gourd vine in a circular bed, and having no support for it I platted the vines round and round with a pink Crape Myrtle in the center. The clump was looked upon as a new species of flower. Even the florist could hardly believe it was only a Gourd vine.

New Iberia, La., Mar. 25, 1910.

P.H.C.

ENJOYING WILD FLOWERS.

EVERY SUMMER, in a deep wood near our home, the Wild Violets, Dogwood, Arbutus and many other wild flowers grow in abundance that only a very, very few eyes ever see. We fill our vases with them from Sunday to Sunday, while they are in bloom, and they are scarcely missed. All who see our vases enjoy them, while, if the flowers were never picked, very few would receive any pleasure from them. There are



CYPRIPEDIUM PUBESCENS.

wild flowers that grow along the highway, and are enjoyed by all who see them; but there are

sick and lame who cannot go and see the wild flowers. So the flowers must be picked and taken to their rooms to be enjoyed. And, oh!

what pleasure a few flowers give them!

We had a beautiful garden of cultivated flowers, and gave all who came to see it a large bouquet. Yet we always had a bouquet of wild flowers, as well as garden flowers. I think it makes some of them bloom better to pick them.

Mary and Grace English.

Gloucester Co., N. J., March 24, 1910.

Note.—Near towns and cities the haunts of wild flowers are often overrun with careless pleasure-seekers, who gather and destroy the handsome flowers until they become extinct in the locality. To such an extent was this true in Connecticut regarding the Climbing Fern, *Lygodium palmatum*, found in that state, that the legislature passed a law to protect it and prevent its entire extinction. There is no reason why people living in mountainous districts should not gather in moderation and enjoy the wild flowers that grow about them, when there are plenty left to keep up the supply. But where the number of gatherers is such that hardly a flower is left for seed, it is time to stop and consider, if we would avoid the extinction of the choicer kinds that are scarce and highly prized.—Ed.

Cannas.—Sisters, don't forget to have a bed of dwarf, blooming Cannas. They grow well with but little care, and in this state can be left out from year to year by giving the bed a little protection. They bloom beautifully and continuously, and make a glorious display. The plants can be grown either from divided roots or from seeds.

Mrs. H. Mills.

Dewey Co., Okla., Mar. 7, 1910.

Epiphyllum Buds Dropping.—I wish to say that too much water will cause the *Epiphyllum* Cactus to drop its buds. I have one that was very full of buds. I gave it a rather copious drink of water, and in a day or two almost every bud dropped off; only four remained on to develop.

Mrs. L. B. Backus.

Graves Co., Ky., March 15, 1910.

SUN-KISSED.

Old Mother Earth turned round one day
To find her Sun was missing,
And when she spied his smiling face,
Wild Rose she caught him kissing.
Alack-a-day! what could Earth say,
When she was Sun-kissed all the day?

Topeka, Kan. Gussie Morrow Gage.

FLOWERS.

The flowers that bloom upon the earth
In spring oft have their timely birth;
And buds today with beauty crowned
Tomorrow may be 'neath the ground.

Emblems of joy and love we know,
Sweetest of beauty's gems that grow—
We sorrow when they pass away,
And wish that they could longer stay.

De Soto, Mo. Wm. Clifton, aged 13 years.

THE BIRD'S CHORUS.

Did you ever awake in the morning
Just at the peep of day,
And hear the birds in chorus
Singing their roundelay?

They carol, trill and whistle,
Each singing its little song,
Blending in perfect harmony,
And never a note goes wrong.

Me thinks, that thus in heaven
God gives to each a song,
That blends in perfect harmony,
Throughout the ages long.

Worcester Co., Mass. Susie M. Wheeler.

QUESTIONS.

Molting Canary.—I have a canary-bird that sheds its feathers continually, and of course does not sing. How should I treat it? Will some one who knows, tell me?—Etta Fraser, Parks, Mich.

Wonder Lemon Pest.—I would like a remedy for an insect that eats the buds and leaves of the Wonder Lemon.—Mrs. L. B., N. C., Feb. 23, 1910.

BRIEF ANSWERS.

Spartocytisus nubigenus.—This is a leguminous shrub for the window or greenhouse. It grows several feet high, bearing fragrant white flowers in summer. It requires the temperature of a cool, airy greenhouse, and a compost of sandy peat and loam.

Sunberry.—The so-called Sunberry is a variety of *Solanum nigrum*. It grows over a foot high, branching, and in autumn is covered with an abundance of black berries. Sow the seeds in a box, and set the plants in a sunny place, two feet apart.

Damping Off.—Such little seedling plants as Geranium, Coleus and Ten Weeks Stock, when started early in a window box or hot-bed are liable to be attacked by a little fungus that grows like a spider's web over the soil. Wherever it touches a plant the stem withers and the plant drops over. This fungus appears where the soil is moist, and where there is but little ventilation. It can be taken out by running a knife-blade between the rows, lifting and removing the web, which adheres to the blade. A little lime and sulphur dusted over the soil prevents its development to some degree, and keeping the soil loose and airy is beneficial.

BIRD ENEMIES.

Mr. Park:—I love your Magazine, and have taken it for years. I would not like to do without it. I am much interested in birds, as well as flowers, and I do not try to have both birds and cats, as I have no use for cats. I have a nice little home that the birds love. One year the Cat-birds were so tame that I fed them with bread and milk on a Lilac bush near the door. They came and ate and sang so lovely, and built their nest by the door, but something took their little ones. They used to sing while I sat under the bush, but something frightened them away, and they never returned.

I saved a Robin that fell out of the nest. I fed him bread and milk. I brought him in every night, and let him go in the morning. When I went out he would fly down on my shoulder, and come into the house, play with the dog, and dance and

scold. I felt very sorry when he went out one day and never returned.



Red squirrels are great enemies of birds. They wait until the young birds are almost ready to fly, then come and kill them. A Bluebird built its nest in an old limb last summer. The birds were so tame, and the young were all feathered when an enemy

gnawed a hole in the side and killed them all. I think it was a squirrel.

Crows are equally as destructive. They take the birds' eggs, and are so bold they come right to the door of our home. They also take hen's eggs and young chickens. Children should be taught to love the birds, then they would not kill them. I feed the winter birds all winter, and they get very tame. Mrs. Susie Flynn.

Valley Falls, Mar. 11, 1910.

BRIEF ANSWERS.

Cactus.—"A Reader," Clintonville, O., has a Cactus that gets brown in spots along the margin, and the shoots die. She should repot in a sandy, well-drained soil with which a small quantity of lime and sulphur has been incorporated, and keep the pot in a sunny place. It is a good plan to plunge it in a bed outdoors in summer, where the sun will have full access to it.

Gardening for Profit.—A subscriber who wishes to grow vegetables for market wants to know what book to read for practical information on the subject. Gardening for Profit (by Peter Henderson) is recommended, as it was written by a practical man, who observed closely, and was fitted to write from experience and observation. Price, prepaid by mail, \$1.50.

Tulips and Hyacinths.—Tulips, Hyacinths, Crocuses and Narcissus should be ordered and planted in Autumn. Never order them in the spring, as they rarely do any good when planted in the spring.

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Primula Forbesi, Baby Primrose, a lovely pot-plant for the window; bears a profusion of pretty, rosy clusters.

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Primula Cashmeriana, small, in very dense heads; purple with yellow eye; very pretty; likes a moist, sunny place.

Primula Denticulata, beautiful lilac flowers in dense heads; from Himalaya; nine inches high; thrives in moist leaf-mould.

Primula Veris

Elattor, very fine garden Primrose; early, spring-blooming; flowers in heads and of various colors.

Primula Elattor Duplex, a handsome hose-in-hose sort; hardy; an elegant garden edging; spring blooming; colors mixed.

Primula Officinalis, The flowers are yellow, in handsome drooping clusters; hardy.

Primula Vulgaris, a dwarf, hardy Primrose; flowers yellow, sessile umbels; very handsome edging plants.

Primula Auricula, umbellate clusters of large, showy, various colored flowers; handsome hardy garden or pot plant.

Primula Farinosa, the Bird's Eye, a very pretty species, purple with yellow eye; it likes a stiff soil and plenty of shade.

Primula Japonica, a Japan sort; grows fifteen inches high, with whorls of beautiful flowers of many colors; hardy.

Primula Rosea, hardy, bearing heads of rosy carmine flowers with yellow eye; very handsome.

Primula Acaulis, dwarf, hardy edging sorts bearing a rich profusion of white, yellow and blue flowers.

Primula Gold-laced, a hardy dwarf Primrose; flowers of rich colors, laced with gold; a lovely sort.

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LIFE.

In the morning, with its splendor,
In the dawning of the day,
Then the sun is shining ever
O'er the world so bright and gay.

Noonday clouds are soon afloat
In the gloomy azure haze,
Blighting each gay, blithesome note
That has filled the passing days.

Then the evening tide draws nigh,
When the soft clouds drift afar,
Leaving the iris-tinted sky
Gemm'd with hope's abiding star.
Ola Osmond.

Cumberland Co., Pa., March 10, 1910.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—I love flowers dearly, and find your Magazine, which treats of them, very enjoyable. I think we are often unmindful of the mission of flowers, or how much it lies in the power of each of us to add to the happiness of others through the influence of flowers. In giving our flowers to those who appreciate them we not only promote the happiness of others, but thus secure our own happiness.

Mamie Farquahar.
Calcasieu Co., La., March 2, 1910.

QUESTION.

Cinerarias.—Why do my Cinerarias not bloom? They are thrifty, not root-bound, well-watered and get the afternoon sun. Should I keep the plants till next winter?—Mrs. A., Hancock Co., O., March 22, 1910.

GOSSIP.

Dear Floral Friends:—I love flowers and animals, and think as much of my cat as of my canary and flowers. It is very seldom that she catches a bird. I have many summer flowers, as well as house plants. I raise many plants from seeds, and have good success with them. I would like to know the botanical name of the herb known as *Lovage*. Postals exchanged.
So, Paris, Me., R. 2, Box 63. Ira M. Allen.

Ans.—*Lovage* is botanically known as *Levisticum officinale*.—Ed.

Beggars.—Mr. Park:—I will tell you how I got rid of the flower-beggars. I had my time with them until I painted two signs "Flowers to Sell," and posted one on the front gate, and one on the side. I never would sell flowers, and as I was not further troubled by flower-beggars I had armfuls of flowers to give away to whom I wished. Some were ready and willing to buy, urging me to take pay, but, as I did not raise flowers for profit, I declined it.

Lewis Co., Wash., Feb. 15, 1910. Mrs. N. F.

About Tobacco.—Dear Mr. Park:—I was much pleased to note what you published recently in regard to tobacco. The use of tobacco was learned from the American Indians, and the barbarous custom has cost the people many millions of dollars. Many a cancer on the lip has been caused by smoking. Two of my acquaintances died from cancer on the lip, which was caused by smoking. Albert E. Vassar.

St. Louis, Mo., March 21, 1910.

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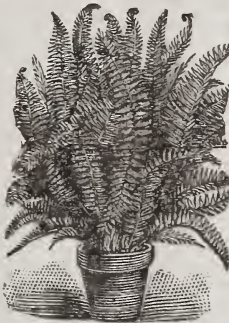
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Daisy, Shasta
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Syriacus
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Scarlet trumpet
Hydrangea paniculata
Ilex, holly
Ivy, English, green
Variegated-leaved
Jasminum nudiflorum
Kerria Japonica fl. pleno
Ligustrum ibotum
Liquidambar, sweet gum
Maple, scarlet
Sugar
Paulownia imperialis
Poplar or Tulip tree
Rose, Baltimore Belle
Crimson Rambler
Mary Washington
Prairie Queen
Seven Sisters
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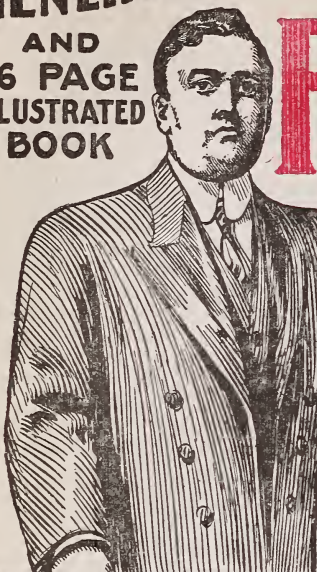


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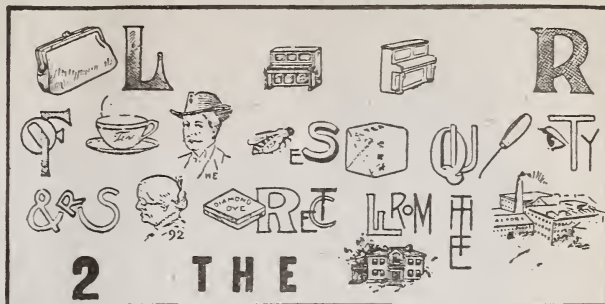
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In his brown eyes.

I used to dress him like a dolly, of course in play;
And wherever I would lay him down, right there he'd stay.
He felt so sad and lonely when I would go away,
And he never tired of going with me ev'ry day,
Of course in play.

Oh! I loved to hold him in my arms, so snug and tight;
And he would pretend to fall asleep, in broad daylight!
Then waken quickly and run and bark, but never bite.
I would put him in his basket-bed when it was night,
All snug and tight.

Together we spent such happy days—had lots of fun;
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Until we were tired as tired could be when day was done.
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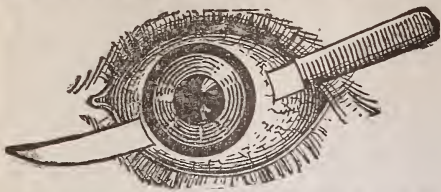


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OUR DUTY TO OUR BIRD-TENANTS.

Mr. Park:—I send you this clipping from last August Bird-Lore. It covers the CAT question pretty thoroughly.

Subscriber to Park's Magazine.

Editor of Bird-Lore:—I noticed in your bird magazine, not long since, the *seemingly* kind offer of free leaflets on "How to attract the birds to homes". On top of this offer I put the following parable: "Several small children were playing in front of a lady's house. She, being fond of little ones, persuaded them to come into her yard to play. Then through some home duty she was called into her house. Soon terrible screams caused her to rush out again. What a sight met her vision! On the ground, bleeding and torn of flesh and clothes, lay two of the little ones; over them, growling and snapping, stood the next-door neighbor's bulldog. He had squeezed himself through a hole in the lady's back-yard fence, which she had neglected to repair. His dislike for children caused the dire calamity. The wounds, together with the nervous shock, resulted in the death of one of those helpless, trusting children. That lady, whether she recognized the fact or not, was certainly one of the means toward that death. She gave those children the idea that her yard was not only a pleasant spot but also a *safe* place to stay. Her thoughtless neglect to first *make it safe* before inviting in the children resulted in that terrible pain and that death".

For eight years I have had the opportunity, possessed by few, of studying bird-life, and I warn, solemnly warn, our Audubon Society, there is a *hole*, a very LARGE HOLE in its back-yard fence, and the birds by thousands are going to THEIR DEATH through our neglect to first attend to that HOLE before we try to attract them to our homes.

By putting up boxes for nests, by feeding the birds, we plainly say to them: "Our yard is a pleasant and a safe place to stay". We are too busy to watch continually; the result—our little pets suddenly disappear altogether, or we come across portions of their mangled forms or bunches of their feathers on our lawns.

In this neighborhood we have absolutely no trouble in persuading the birds to *come*. Our trouble consists in *keeping* them after they DO come. It seems but natural for them to pass over this well-wooded strip on Lake Michigan, when migrating to their summer and winter quarters. Many of them decide to stay as long as the weather permits. But, alas! their decision only means their *death* through the hole in the fence—CATS.

We are a community of homes, lovers of birds and flowers. Unfortunately every now and then "renters" move into the neighborhood, bringing with them their cats. This spring, just a stone's throw on the north from one of my Warbler boxes, came five cats in this manner. About twice as far on the south lives a renter with six cats. With such odds to meet I feel safe in saying, only a *miracle* performed by the Lord can save the lives of that pair of birds and their brood when hatched.

It is said, on good authority, that were all the birds suddenly killed, in seven years man would be unable to exist upon this earth, the increase of insects and worms would be so great. Birds, then, being of such *untold usefulness* to man, ought to have the help of the LAW to protect them from their terrible enemy, CATS.

I positively know of birds by the hundreds that have been destroyed by my neighbors' cats, and have grave fears that if we as a society do not soon do something to prevent such terrible slaughter, we who live in or near cities will not know what a bird looks like, except through sparrows. This class of birds is the only one that can multiply fast enough to keep ahead of the work of the civilized(?) CAT.

I fail to understand why cats are not taxed as well as dogs. Were they taxed, it would put a vast number out of commission, and thus would the lives of countless birds be saved.

Just a few words in conclusion. Some have accused me of being prejudiced against the cat. These accusers argue: "the cat is God's creature as well as the bird; the one has as much right to life and freedom as has the other".

The cat is not as God made him. The sin of man affected the whole creation, and we are compelled to deal with the results of this sin wherever found. I do not blame the cat for his misdeeds. It is as natural now in his *perverted* state to kill birds as it is for him to breathe.

No fence is high enough to keep him out of our yard. He scratches out our seeds, destroys plantlets, ruins rare plants, causing waste of time, strength and money. It certainly is not a feeling of injustice toward the creature to wish him out of existence, or so restrained by his owner as to make it impossible for the cat to interfere with our interests; and I believe with all my heart that if people wilfully or thoughtlessly so far fail to live up to the Golden Rule as to harbor that which causes losses, distress of mind and pain of heart to those living near, then in some manner the LAW should aid and protect the party injured thereby.

Subscriber.
Chicago, Ill.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl of 18 years, and live with my folks two and one-half miles from the city limits, on the oldest and worst road in the country, built thirty years ago, when Bellingham boasted of but a few shacks. Our farm contains 137 acres, 90 being cleared. It lies between two hills, and 50 acres make a field of the finest river bottom. We have had corn planted in this field for two years. It grew 12 feet high, and was cut up by a corn-cutter and blown into silos, of which we have two 30 feet high and 16 feet in diameter. This is fine feed for milk-cows, for we have a dairy of 27 cows, and get about 60 gallons of milk at two milkings. Corn silage makes the cows sleek and fat, and they give more milk. The silos are round, and my three brothers, who are partners, built them without help, at a cost of about \$300. The other dairymen laughed at us, but they do not now, for our cows look better and give more and better milk than theirs. Our milk tests 5 per cent butter-fat, which is 2½ per cent more than it should necessarily test. Our cows are Holstein and Jersey mixed.

We have lots of Lilacs on our place that are 15 feet high, in colors purple and white, and a Hawthorn tree that is as tall as an Apple tree. A white Clematis paniculata received by mail two years ago is climbing up the corner of our house, and is seven feet high. I have a Jerusalem Cherry tree 2½ feet high, bushy, and loaded with orange cherries; it is in a three-gallon pail. One of my Geraniums is four feet high. I had it planted in the garden, where it grew and was covered with crimson flowers all summer. In the fall I lifted it and planted it in a large nail keg filled with rich soil. We have about 50 Rose bushes. I have a neighbor who is poor and cannot afford to buy seeds, so I give her of my plants, and she takes good care of them. Her Christmas Cactus has 200 buds, and will be in full bloom in a few days.

Josephine Rickenbach.
Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 21, 1910.

A Farm Paper.—I have seen copies of a paper called "The North Star," which was published by a country boy. It was written upon a single sheet of foolscap paper, and the heading was adorned with a star. Any boy on a farm could "publish" such a paper. He himself could be the editor-in-chief, and he could engage other members of the family to hold subordinate offices. His father might edit the agricultural department, his mother the domestic page, while his sisters might furnish him with original stories. Even the youngest children could serve as reporters, bringing any news concerning anything which has happened upon the farm that deserves to be recorded.

Bath, Me. Alice May Douglas.

Names.—Corn Lily is *Convolvulus arvensis*. In the South the common Morning Glory (*Convolvulus purpurea*) is a nuisance in cornfields, and might be called Corn Lily. Blackberry Lily is *Pardanthus chinensis*, a hardy perennial that has escaped cultivation in many sections of the country.

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Mr. Park:—The first flowers of spring here are the sweet Arbutus blossoms. So many of these are shipped out by the settlers that all the empty boxes in the stores are made use of. The Arbutus grows here even in the open fields, where the plow has not been; but the loveliest and pinkest blooms are found in shady, damp places.

Blue Violets are plentiful, and the blooms are large and bright; but the gayest flower we have is a red Lily that springs up out of the hot sand anywhere and everywhere. It grows about a foot high, and often several blossoms are found on a single stalk; but a bulb sends up only one single stalk each year.

Of all the dainty things that grow the blossom of the little wild Huckleberry is surely the finest. These grow everywhere, and the fruit affords almost a living for many families. Mothers take their children, even nursing babies, from their homes, and live in tents near the berry patches during the season, which extends from July 1st till frost spoils the berries, usually the last of August, and the whole family work from morning till night picking the fruit; the plant grows from three inches to a foot high. When the berry crop is a failure there are many who suffer for the necessities of life in this country.

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Genie Hess Waterman.

Roscommon, Mich., March 9, 1910.

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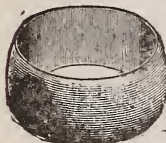
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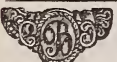


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Cowley Co., Kan., Dec. 22, 1909.

Dear Floral Folk:—I have some nice house flowers, especially a Begonia that has very large leaves and lovely, waxy-looking flowers. I had good luck with Freesias and Buttercup Oxalis this winter. I think Nasturtiums are nice for out-door flowers, being showy and fragrant, and so easily raised. Besides flowers I raise canary birds by the dozen and Bourbon turkeys. The canary birds are perfect music boxes, and no cats are allowed in my house.

Mrs. Henry Tipton.

Morgan Co., Mo., Jan. 10, 1910.

Mr. Park:—I wish all the flower-beggars could have read Aunt Sallie's letter in December Magazine. I am troubled every spring with those plant-beggars. One woman, when I spoke of sending to a florist for a new plant, said: "I can get all the slips I wish without buying." I can tell you she got none from me after that. In springtime I want all the flowers I can, that I may have my own plants and flowers to place on the graves of my loved ones in God's acre, on Memorial Day. It seems that they who clumber there must love better the blossoms we have cared for and tended than those we buy from strangers. But few who beg slips will see Aunt Sally's letter, for they are too penurious to pay for a Floral Magazine. Like her, I enjoy giving plants and slips to friends, and those who appreciate them, but I do despise habitual plant-beggars.

Mrs. H. M.

Merrimack Co., N. H., Dec. 17, 1909.

EXCHANGES.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—I have a few copies of your Magazine, and like it very much. I live in the mountains of Eastern Tennessee, on Waldon's Ridge, six miles by road from Spring City, on the Queen & Crescent R. R. We have lots of pretty wild flowers and lots of birds on the mountain, and a nine months' Normal school close by us. We have two waterfalls near-by, called Piney Falls and Rhea Falls. Piney Falls was at one time our postoffice, but the town being situated overlooking the valleys, it was changed to Grand View. Along the creek and at the falls we find such wild flowers as Kalmia, Service Tree, Azalea, Magnolia, White Ash, and Pink and White Dogwood. The hills near the falls are covered with Trailing Arbutus, which blooms in early spring. L. A. Daniel.

Rhea Co., Tenn., Dec. 22, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have to report to you the death of one who loved flowers, and was a good friend of yours. I gave his mother one of your Magazines to read, and found she was well acquainted with it. She told me how kind you had been to John, and said your good letters in the Magazine had brought him to Christ. She also said she knew other boys who had become much better through reading your letters. I am a Christian myself, and try to do what little I can, and I thought it would be of interest to you in your work to know how much good you are doing. I hope you may continue it for many years to come. Florally,

Mrs. E. B. Sharp.

Whitman Co., Wash., Feb. 2, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—We have English Violets in bloom under sash now. They will bloom until the early spring flowers are blooming. Throughout the summer, until frost, we shall have a succession of flowers in our garden and yard, mostly perennials. Comparatively few persons know the value of perennials. Many of them bloom almost the whole season. Lilies, Spireas, Honeysuckles, Clematis, Iris of various kinds, Roses, Perennial Phlox and hundreds of others give a succession of flowers, and when once growing are less care than annuals. Some work is required to get the bed started, but the reward is very satisfying. I love annuals, but can not give them the care I did in earlier years.

Mrs. O. S. Mantour.


Cowley Co., Kan., Dec. 18, 1909.

MAGAZINE APPRECIATED.

Mr. Park:—During the last two years I have been a reader of your Floral Magazine, and among the 25 magazines and papers which come to me regularly, there is none I prize more highly than Park's Floral Magazine. In the main it stands for the right—for the protection of birds and other harmless creatures, and for the beautifying of our homes with flowers. Its pages abound in revelations of the beauties of Nature, and the goodness of our Creator. W. M. Creveling.

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Dear Mr. Park:—In the January number of your Floral Magazine I find a note about the Pinellas Peninsula, and as I am very much interested, I would like to ask you, just because you have no axe to grind, if you would advise anybody, especially a "lone woman", to buy some land there for the purpose of starting a home. I want to go somewhere, where I shall see no more snow! I am living now near South Haven, Mich., and have a very pretty place, but I can not stand the climate. I am considered a good poultry-raiser, an expert in the incubator-and-brooder line, and still better as an amateur florist, so I would like to settle where I could make use of my talents. I have been told what a wonderful place St. Petersburg is, but how about the commercial side of it? My acquaintance who told me only went as a tourist. Would it be too much trouble for you to give me your candid opinion? The real-estate firms are advertising very freely, but that is their business.

Nellie Lascelles.

South Haven, Mich., Feb. 14, 1910.

Ans.—Replying to this inquiry I would say that I regard the St. Petersburg climate as being as nearly perfect as can be found in the United States. It is rarely that they have frost in winter there, and the flowers bloom throughout the winter. In summer the mercury rarely goes above 93° in the shade, which is really a lower temperature than we have here in the North in the summer, and I am informed by reliable persons who have moved from Pennsylvania there that they like the summers there better than the winters, and it is, as you know, a popular winter resort.

The chief industry of that section is the growing of oranges and grape fruit for the city markets. This is profitable when it is properly attended to. In certain sections near St. Petersburg there is mucky ground, which is used for growing vegetables chiefly for the St. Petersburg market. This ground, however, should be thoroughly drained, so as to carry off water in time of continued rain, and should be provided with irrigation in order to water it in time of drought. To secure a portion of this ground and fit it up for cultivation would require considerable work and expense, but when so prepared the ground for the

growth of vegetables there would be profitable, if well managed. As a rule, the ground on the Pinellas Peninsula is nearly pure sand, and unfit for ordinary farming or gardening. A poultry farm there under proper conditions could be made a source of revenue. It should be borne in mind, however, that feed is very high in price, and unless economy is used in securing feed but little profit will result. There is a good demand for eggs and poultry, especially in winter, when the city is filled with tourists, and good prices can be obtained. The best thing about St. Petersburg and the Pinellas Peninsula is the delightful climate. It is an ideal place for health and enjoyment, but an expensive place to live, as the cost of living there, high as it is in the North, is about twice as high as in the North. It is no place for the general farmer, or for one who lacks means, unless well-endowed with energy, physical ability and good management. Persons with these qualities will find St. Petersburg a delightful and satisfactory place of residence, as the people generally are Americans of the better class.

These are my candid opinions, gathered from observation during my winter visits to that place, where I own an orange grove and farm in the country, and a residence in the city, commanding a beautiful view of Tampa Bay and its semi-tropical surroundings. The enquirer must judge as to whether the place would suit her. It might be well for her to visit the place before deciding to make her home there.—Ed.

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Smiles on her child,
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Rock! rock! rock!
O mother! how can you know
If good or ill
His life shall fill
In this world of sin and woe?

Rock! rock! rock!
Do the angels linger near,
As you see the grace
In his dimpled face,
'Til their soothing songs you hear?

Rock! rock! rock!
There are shadows over all.
Ill may abide
Close at his side
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Rock! rock! rock!
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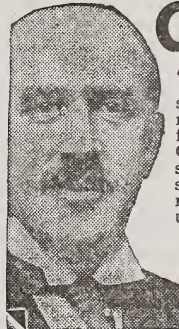
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Beans (Pole), Old Homestead, Lazy Wife, Creaseback, Golden Cluster, Scarlet Runner; also Speckled Cranberry. Per pkt. 5c, pint 20c, quart 35c.

Beans (Lima), Seibert's Early, Early Jersey, King of the Garden, Large White, Carolina, Sieva; also Burpee's Bush, Henderson's, Dreer's. 1 pkt. 5c, pt. 30c, qt. 45c.

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Beet, Detroit Blood-red Turnip, Early Bassano, Crosby's Egyptian, Crimson Globe, Extra Early Eclipse, Edmand's Early, Long Blood-red, Swiss Chard. Per pkt. 3c, oz. 5c, ¼ lb. 12c, 1 lb. 35c.

Beet (for stock), Golden Tankard, Mammoth Red, Vilmorin's Improved Sugar; also Norbiton Giant. Oz 5c, ¼ lb. 12c, 1 lb. 35c, mailed.

Borecole, Purple Cape, Large White French, Curled Green Dwarf. Per pkt. 5c, oz. 30c.

Brussels Sprouts, Dwarf Improved, Half Dwarf Paris Market. Per pkt. 5c, oz. 10c.

Cabbage, Early Jersey Wakefield, Early Spring, Dwarf Early Flat Dutch, Henderson's Early Summer, Early Winingstadt, Charleston Early Wakefield, All Head, Drumhead Savoy, Late Surehead, Late Flat Dutch, Late Danish Baldhead, Autumn King, Late Red Drumhead. Per pkt. 5c, oz. 12c, ¼ lb. 40c, lb. \$1.50.

Carrot, Scarlet Horn, Chantenay, Long Orange, Oxheart; also Danvers. Pkt. 5c, oz. 6c, ¼ lb. 20c, lb. 75c.

Cauliflower, Early Snowball, Per pkt. 10c, oz. \$2.00. Veitch's Autumn. Pkt. 5c, oz. 50.

Celeriac, Large Smooth Prague. Pkt. 5c, oz. 12c, ¼ lb. 40c, lb. \$1.50.

Celery, White Plume, Pink Plume, Giant White Solid, Rose-ribbed Paris, Golden Heart, Giant Paschal; also Boston Market, Golden Self Blanching. Per pkt. 5c, oz. 20c, ¼ lb. 60c, lb. \$2.00.

Chervil, curled, Per pkt. 5c, oz. 10c, lb. \$1.00.

Chicory, Large-rooted; leaves used as a salad; roots roasted and ground, largely used for a substitute for coffee. Pkt. 5c, oz. 10c, lb. \$1.00.

Collards, True Georgia; leaves cooked as substitute for Cabbage in the South. Pkt. 5c, oz. 10c, lb. \$1.00.

Corn, Early Giant, Country Gentleman, Improved Evergreen Sugar, 2-oz. pkt. 5c, ½ pt. 12c, 1 pt. 20c, qt. 35c.

Corn (for popping), White Rice, Mammoth White Rice, Golden Queen, Pearl. 2-oz. pkt. 5c, ½ pint 20c.

Corn-Salad, Large-leaved; grown in fall for winter and spring use as substitute for Lettuce, pkt. 5c, oz. 10c, lb. \$1.

Cress, curled, Used as salad. Pkt. 5c, oz. 10c, lb. \$1.00.

Cucumber, Early White Spine, Jersey Pickle, Long Green, Early Cluster, West India Gherkins. Pkt. 5c, oz. 15c, ¼ lb. 35c, lb. \$1.00.

Dandelion, Large-leaved French; used as early greens. Pkt. 5c, oz. 25c.

Egg Plant, New York Purple, Black Pekin, Pkt. 5c, oz. 35c, ¼ lb. \$1.25.

Endive, Golden Curled; also White Moss, Green Curled, Broad Leaved Batavia. Pkt. 5c, ¼ lb. 50c. The leaves are used for garnishing, also as greens.

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Lettuce, Early Curled Simpson, Big Boston, Golden Queen, Perfected Salamander, New York, Improved Hanson, Paris White Cos; also Iceberg, Mammoth Black-seeded Butter, Speckled Dutch Butter, Grand Rapids. Pkt. 5c, oz. 8c, ¼ lb. 30c, lb. \$1.00.

Mushroom Spawn (fresh), 1 lb. 20c, by mail; 8 lbs. \$1.00 expressed, not prepaid.

Muskmelon, Acme, Emerald Gem, Early Hackensack, Jenny Lind, Livingston's Tip Top, Rockyford; also Paul Rose, Long Island Beauty, Montreal Market, Per pkt. 5c, oz. 12c, ¼ lb. 35c, lb. \$1.09.

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Rhubarb or Pie Plant, Victoria. Pkt. 5c, oz. 15c, lb. \$1.25.

Salsify, Mammoth Sandwich Island. Pkt. 5c, oz. 12c, ¼ lb. 30c, lb. \$1.00.

Spinach, Long Standing, Prickly Seeded, Victoria; also Savoy-Leaved. Pkt. 5c, oz. 8c, lb. 35c.

Squash, Golden Summer Crookneck, Extra Early Bush, Delicata, Mammoth Chili, Hubbard, Fordhook; also Boston Marrow. Pkt. 5c, oz. 10c, ¼ lb. 25c, lb. \$1.00.

Tomato, Atlantic Prize, Improved Beauty, Earliana, New Stone, Dwarf Stone, Ignoutm, Ponderosa, Golden Queen, Golden Trophy, Pear-shaped Yellow, Semper-fructifera; also Matchless. Pkt. 5c, oz. 25c, ¼ lb. 60c.

Turnip, Flat Dutch, Scarlet Kashmir, Extra Early White Milan, White Egg, Golden Ball, Purple Top, White Globe, Amber Globe, Orange Jelly, Rutabaga Long Island Improved, Purple Top Rutabaga or Swede. Pkt. 5c, oz. 8c, ¼ lb. 20c, lb. 50c.

Watermelon, Cole's Early, Phiney's Early, Early Fordhook, Mountain Sweet, Kolb's Gem, Preserving Citron, Sweet Heart, Kleckleys Sweet, Ice Cream, Florida Favorite. Pkt. 5c, oz. 8c, ¼ lb. 25c.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl 13 years old. We have many cows and horses and chickens, and I enjoy the country. I have a kodak, and have lots of fun taking pictures.
Hazel Kinney.

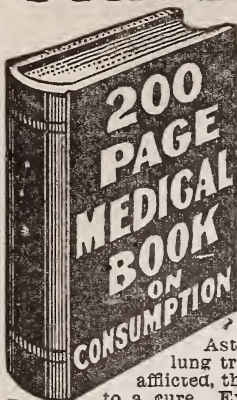
Hastings, Mich., Feb. 22, 1910.

QUESTION AND ANSWER.

Plant Named.—Mr. Park:—I enclose seeds of a little vine that came up under a Plum tree. The flowers are like Cypress vine blossoms. What is it?—Mrs. J. A., Minn.

Ans.—The seeds and description indicate that the vine is *Ipomoea coccinea*.

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Mr. Park:—Years ago, in the '80s, I wrote for your Magazine an article against using the plumage of birds for trimmings. Since then this subject has been agitated in the columns, more or less, every year. I know one little woman who afterwards put on her hat the dead body of a fine blackbird. When she came where I saw her, she said: "Oh, I forgot!" When next I saw the hat there were no bird feathers on it.

At one time I caught a young pigeon badly frightened by hens, and was admiring its beauty, intending to let it go. "Let me take it," said a neighbor, and before I knew what was being done, he put his knife-blade through its pretty throat and gave it to his cat. Faint? No; but how miserable I did feel! I had rescued the bird, and to think it was so uselessly destroyed worried me.

Cats are not to blame for following their natural instincts, but when kept as pets they should be taught better habits, instead of allowing bird-slaughtering. We can manage cats and, perhaps, boys, but men we may never manage wholly. So we can only do our utmost through coaxing, wheedling, strategy, etc., to arouse their sleeping consciences. Maybe, if we try more, boys can be brought to Mr. Bonner's ideals, as given in the December Magazine.

Mrs. O. S. M.

Cowley Co., Kan., Dec. 18, 1909.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a country boy 9 years old, and go a mile to school. I have five fan-tailed pigeons. My grandpa sent them to me. Mamma has been getting your Magazine for a year, and we like it.

George H. Park.

Carroll Co., Tenn., Feb. 21, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl, and am fond of flowers and your Magazine. We have a big bed of flowers every year. Papa's farm is 124 acres, and 60 acres are in pasture. We have 25 cattle, 3 pigs, 21 sheep, 60 chickens, 6 horses and 3 cats. Horses and sheep are my favorite animals. I take music lessons every week.

Hilda J. Zimmerman.

Grand Traverse Co., Mich., Feb. 24, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I live in town, and we have lots of nice plants—an Asparagus plumosus with sprouts 6 feet long, and some pretty Begonias and Geraniums. We have had more snow than usual, and had fine times coasting and skating. We skate with roller skates on cement walks, too. Postals exchanged.

Fern Harp.

Douglas, Neb., Feb. 25, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little farm girl of 11 years. I love flowers, and had some beautiful Poppies last summer. I have two little pet dogs, Ted and Brownie. I like the little birds, and there are lots of them around our house. Postals exchanged.

Annie Thomas.

Beatty, Pa., Feb. 9, 1910.

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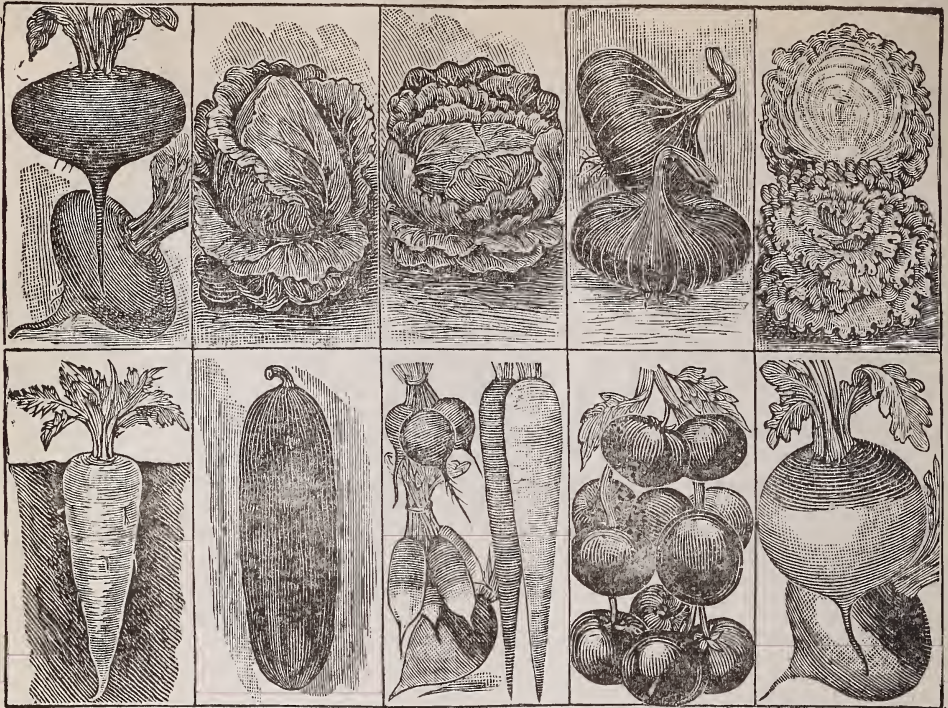
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Cabbage, Select Early Jersey Wakefield.—This is the earliest Cabbage in cultivation, and the strain offered bears heads almost twice the size of the common Wakefield Cabbage, while it is short-stemmed, very solid and can be used throughout the season. It is sure to head, and is sweet, crisp and delicious, either raw or cooked. Per oz. 12 cts, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 40 cts, 1 lb. \$1.50.

Cabbage, Excelsior Late Flat Dutch.—For the main crop this is the best of all varieties of Cabbage. Every plant forms an immense solid head, sweet, crisp, tender; does not often burst, and keeps well throughout the winter. Per oz. 12 cts, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 40 cts, 1 lb. \$1.50.

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Parsnip, Improved Guernsey.—Really the best of all Parsnips. The roots grow quickly to large size, are of fine form, and when cooked are tender, sweet and delicious. Can be left in the bed till spring. Per pkt. 3 cts, oz. 8 cts, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 20 cts, 1 lb. 50 cts.

Cucumber, Early White Spine.—A standard variety, with vigorous, healthy vines, bearing an abundance of large, even-shaped fruit, and unsurpassed for either slicing or pickling. It is without a doubt the finest Cucumber in cultivation. Per oz. 10 cts, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 25 cts, 1 lb. 75 cts.

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Peas, Bliss Everbearing.—The most delicious of all Peas, while the vines do well in any good soil and are wonderfully productive. The pods are very large, and the Peas green, wrinkled, sweet and tender. This Pea is of surpassing quality, and should be grown in every garden. 2-oz. packet 5 cts, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint 12 cts, 1 pint 20 cts, 1 quart 35 cts, mailed. Peck \$1.50, bushel \$5.00 by express not prepaid.

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GEO. W. PARK, La Park, Lancaster Co., Pa.

French Giant Primroses.—I just wish the floral sisters could see my Primrose window. I have flowers of all colors—four different shades of red, three of pink, one pure white, one light lavender or purple, three lovely blue, and a dark-leaved one with the loveliest blossoms I ever saw—cream with a dark-yellow center the size of a dime, the whole bloom as large as a silver dollar. I read in the Magazine of a sister having Primrose flowers 1½ inches across. I can beat that a long ways. I have a fern-leaved Primrose, the flowers of which measure 2½ inches across; also white-flowered and blue-flowered ones with flowers 2 inches across. The rest are all 1½ inches across. They were all raised from LaPark seeds. Mrs. M.T. Diehl.

St. Louis Co., Mo., Feb. 13, 1910.

A Rose Pest.—A subscriber in Virginia complains of a little brown insect that entered her early Roses last spring and caused them to wither. She should have sprayed with rather strong Quassia-chips tea.

Lorraine Begonia.—Let this Begonia bloom until it is through, then cut the plant back, placing the leaves in sand to start new plants, and watering the old plant rather sparingly for a while. In time it will be ready to renew its growth, and can then be watered more freely. It is better, however, to start young plants early in the season, as they are more thrifty, and will yield more satisfactory results.

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King Co., Wash., Feb. 7, 1910.

Those Flower-Beggars.—Mr. Park:—Last spring I had some of the most beautiful of Narcissus in bloom—Sulphur Phoenix, Orange Phoenix and others—purchased the previous fall. It was their first season, and they were too lovely for words. In another bed I had a lot of the finest Tulips and Hyacinths. Many persons came and asked me to divide with them, and some even demanded a share of them. Then in summer I am besieged by persons who want bouquets. Of course, that may be our mission—to work and dig and toil, and then give away the product of our labor to shiftless people who idle their time, but for my part I prefer to give to those I love, and those who will appreciate the gift. I do not care for the flower-beggars.

Mrs. R. W.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 28, 1910.

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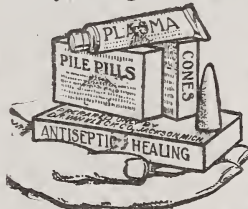
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CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—I have many rare and beautiful flowers in my large garden, but there is always a longing way down in my heart for the dear old-time flowers my early childhood knew. First, where can I get the tiny purple Iris which grandma called Border Flag? I have many fine varieties of Iris, but none can fill the place of these dear little friends of the past. Then there was a clear yellow Lily, without spot or blotch, which bloomed, I think, in May; and a Moss Rose of a dainty pink color, and, oh! such great, deeply mossed buds! Who has such a Moss Rose and Lily? Strange though it may seem, none of the rarest flowers are half so rare to me as were these simple flowers that grew in grandma's garden back home. No Violets were so sweet as those that grew around the well; and the sunshine was brighter there than anywhere else.

Miss M. E. Humphreys.

Meigs Co., Ohio, Jan. 10, 1910.

Note.—Iris primula, offered by many florists, is the old Border Flag. The old yellow Lily is probably *Hemerocallis flava*, called Lemon Lily. The old Moss Rose is still sold by Rose-growers.—Ed.

Dear Mr. Park:—Tell Aunt Sallie, of Cheshire Co., N. H., that the flower-beggars are not confined to her locality. They are everywhere. We have them here. I have had people come and ask me to give them bouquets of my fine named varieties of Tulips that I paid considerable money for, and wanted for show, for them to take to their sick friends, with their compliments, *not mine*. I had the expense of the bulbs, the fertilizer, and the making of the beds, and they get the credit. I never refuse flowers for the sick, but I have my own friends that are sick that I like to remember. Tulips and bulbs of early spring only bloom once a season, and when the flowers are plucked they are gone for a year at least. The beggars could raise for themselves, if not too stingy and lazy. The floral houses all have more where mine came from, and I think such beggars should do as I do, buy them.

Yours very respectfully,

W. N. Leighty.

Montgomery Co., Ohio, Dec. 16, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have received the premium watch you sent me, and am very much pleased with it; it keeps time exactly with our clock. It is the first watch I ever owned, and I earned it all myself. I am 12 years old and was named for you. I like flowers and fruit. I grafted some apple trees last spring, and part of them grew nicely. My papa has a large orchard, and we have plenty of apples to eat this winter.

Fred Park Kendall.

Gazil, W. Va., Nov. 30, 1909.

Note.—Any little boy or girl can quickly earn a watch by getting up a club for the Magazine. Each subscriber pays 15 cents for the Magazine a year and 10 packets of flower or vegetable seeds, and ten such subscribers (\$1.50) entitle the agent to the watch, which will come to him by mail. How many little boys and girls will earn a watch this month?—Ed.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 11 years old and in the fourth grade. I am planning for a big flower-bed next spring. We have a colt, 3 horses and some chickens. Exchange postals. Hildred H. Hamilton.

Humboldt, Neb., Box 166, Dec. 31, 1909.

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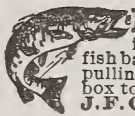
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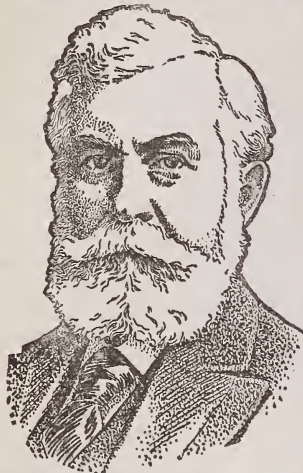
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Dear Mr. Park:—I am a reader of your Magazine, and it is a delight. Every new number brings new delight. The last two numbers, describing your traveling experiences, telling of people, flowers, shrubs and ornamental trees in Vienna, were especially interesting.

I was born in Carlsbad, near Grasslitz and Klingenthal, and know the life and way of living there very well; and in spite of all the hardship that rests upon those poor mountaineers (especially the poor women), we always called those people the "merry mountaineers". Mr. Editor, you could not have described the scenery around those towns truer than you did by calling the little valleys and hillsides a "big crazy quilt". But, dear sir, you missed great and interesting sights if you failed to see the city of Carlsbad and St. Joachimsthal, one a world-known summer-resort containing the hottest springs in Europe, and Joachimsthal containing mining camps of pitchblende and radium, and a big hospital with radium baths, and scenery around this city like Grasslitz and Klingenthal, all mountains and little and big farms, even at the tiptop of the mountains. I met in Carlsbad lots of people from all over the world, heard almost every language spoken, and had the opportunity of seeing many crowned heads.

I enjoyed your description of Vienna, the chief city of Austria. Oh, my dear, beloved Austria! the home of so many honest and truehearted subjects, loyal and loving to their old and much-beloved Emperor Francis Joseph, the soul and good spirit of his country and empire. God bless him and keep him a few more years for the good of his country and his country's children!

Yes; the imperial gardens are open to all who want to see them. Besides the ones you described there are the Prater and the Augarden, and many more. The Augarden is the most historic. It was the favored spot of the great Empress Maria Theresa (the greatest empress ever living) and her daughter, Marie Antoinette, the unfortunate, beheaded Queen of France. There is still another very interesting sight, the statue of the assassinated Empress Elizabeth of Austria. Then there is the tomb where the empress and her son, the Crown Prince Rudolf (both of whom died such tragic deaths!) rest in the old Capuziner Kirche.

I have not seen my country for 25 years, and I wish that I was as fortunate as you, dear editor, and could travel and see all places of culture and refinement once more.

It was said in some American papers that the tower of St. Stephen's Cathedral will have to be lowered, but, according to your description, it must have still the old swindly height. The name of the originator of this historic structure was Hans Buxbaum; after the fall from the tower he died and his foreman, Meister Anton Peter von Brachowitz, completed this wonder of olden times.

Mrs. A. M. Gruenes.

King Co., Wash., Feb. 17, 1910.

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Cowley Co., Kan., Feb. 3, 1910. Mrs. Gates.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—We have been subscribers to your Magazine for fifteen years. We enjoy reading it, and anxiously wait for it every month. We regret it is not coming once a week, instead of once a month. Mother sent and got some mixed Pink seeds last year, and now she has a lovely bed of Pinks. There are seven of us children, and each one loves flowers, and enjoys their culture. California is a land of flowers, and anyone living here will soon be converted into a flower-lover. Why some people live a lifetime on a place without a flower or tree is beyond my understanding. Flowers not only add to the beauty of a place, but add to its value commercially. Flower-raising with us is a genuine pleasure, and is not considered work. Mother and I spend many a happy hour with our flowers. M. E. Martin.

Visalia, Cal., Dec. 17, 1909.

Amaryllis. — Mr. Park: — I have an Amaryllis Johnsonii bought from you in 1902 which has not failed to blossom twice every year since, giving four fine large blossoms at a time. I find them easy to care for—no trouble at all. E. L. C.

Olio, Mich., Jan. 24, 1910.

Mr. Park:—I have been a reader of the Floral Magazine four years, and it is a welcome visitor to our home. I enjoy the floral talks and poetry, and I trust many new readers will be added to your list this year. Mrs. Carrie Cheek.

Franklin Co., Ga., Jan. 12, 1910.

QUESTIONS.

Phyllocactus. — How old must a Phyllocactus be to bloom? I have had plants for four years without producing a flower. J. K. T.

Wash., Jan. 24, 1910.

Geranium and Johnny-jump-up.—Where can I get the Leopard Geranium and the old-fashioned Johnny-jump-up? Mrs. H.

Wash., Jan. 24, 1910.

Rose.—Where can I get the old Hundred-leaf Rose my mother used to have? The flowers were a beautiful pink, and the limbs were thorny. M. S. C.

Texas.

Aster.—Will someone who has grown Lavender successfully in this country give directions for its culture? I have tried repeatedly, without success. How old must the plants be to bloom? The plants grew well in England 21 years ago, when I was there. J. H. H.

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QUESTION AND ANSWER.

Godetia.—Mr. Editor:—I enclose a flower which I raised from a packet of

mixed flower seeds. All last fall, during that dry weather, it bloomed continually, and until after frost. Last October I lifted and planted it in a can, and it has been blooming all winter, but it forms no seeds. What is it?—Subscriber, Pa., Feb. 7, 1910.



GODETIA.

Ans.—The flower proved to be Godetia. It is a beautiful and showy annual flower, and deserves to be better known.

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Mr. Park:—I just have to write you a few lines to tell you how much I like your little Magazine. I think it the most interesting little book I have ever seen. I do not read it over once, but a dozen times, during the month. I shall renew my subscription when I send for seeds in the spring.

Mrs. Mary T. Diehl.

St. Louis Co., Mo., Feb. 13, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I like your Magazine very much. I always read it and get much help in my garden work from it. I have subscribed for it for many of my friends and relatives.

Mrs. Lena G. Holt.

Hennepin Co., Minn., Dec. 16, 1909.

ABOUT A LITTLE FLOWER GIRL.

Dear Boys and Girls:— There is a little girl here in Chicago named Louise Hill, not four years old, who likes Mr. Park's Magazine "very much". She likes to have me read from the Children's Corner. She stays with me a good part of the hot weather. We live right on the shore of South Michigan, and she wants to be here, so she can go in the water and "get cooled off". She is a great gardener, and already knows many of the flowers by name, many of the vegetable plants and weeds by sight, and the good bugs from the bad ones. She has a jar half-full of kerosene and scrapes the caterpillars, worms and bad bugs into the oil, which kills them very quickly. I showed her the little lady bugs eating up plant lice, and told her she must "never hurt lady bugs, because they helped



the gardener." She and her mother were out one day, picking off the insects and dropping them into the jar. Nobody had ever told her mother about the lady bugs, so before Louise could stop her, mother scraped a lady bug into the oil. Louise began to cry as if her heart would break. The mother did not know what was the matter till Louise cried out: "Oh, mother! you ought to have known better than to kill that poor little lady bug." Louise loves the birds very much. To her mind one of two things is clear when she sees dead birds or parts of them on ladies' hats, viz., either "the lady don't know what God made the birdies for, or else the lady has a bad heart, and don't care how much she kills His birdies." Grandma.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 14, 1910.

The Country Boy.—There is no class for whom there is such a demand as for the boy right from the rural district. Every profession, every trade, is on the outlook for him. This is not necessarily because he comes from a better family than does the city youth, or because he has had better bringing up. Often the opposite is true in both cases. No district school can possibly compare favorably with the city school with its libraries, museums, excursions, lecture courses, etc. For this reason a boy from the suburbs should be proud to know that he has been favored with such a home.

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Mich., Jan. 28, 1910.

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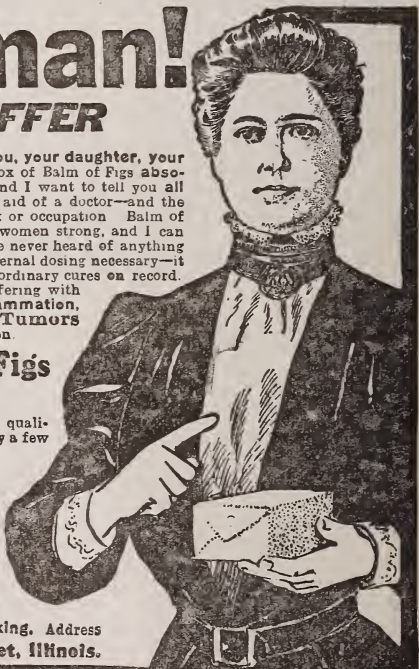
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Then Daffodil and Anemone, with blue-eyed Pimpernel,
And Ferns, the Sword and Maidenhair, and Honeysuckle Bell.

The dainty Lady's Slipper came with modest Violet,
Flowering Almond, Lilac and the bright-faced little pet
Of children (and of grown folk, too), Lady's Delight, I mean;
With Cowslip, Lupin, Gentian and Moss, so fresh and green.

Tulip, Crocus, Forget-me-not, so beautiful and fair,
While fragrant, blushing Meadow Pink perfumed the dewy air.
Solomon's Seal and Foxglove, too, stood 'neath a shady tree,
Syringa proudly raised her head, exclaiming, "Look at me!"

Thus, one by one, the flowers peeped out, each with a smiling face;
And Flora, nodding, whispered: "All have their chosen place.
Their mission is to comfort and to raise the soul on high,
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Nashua, N. H., Jan. 16, 1910.

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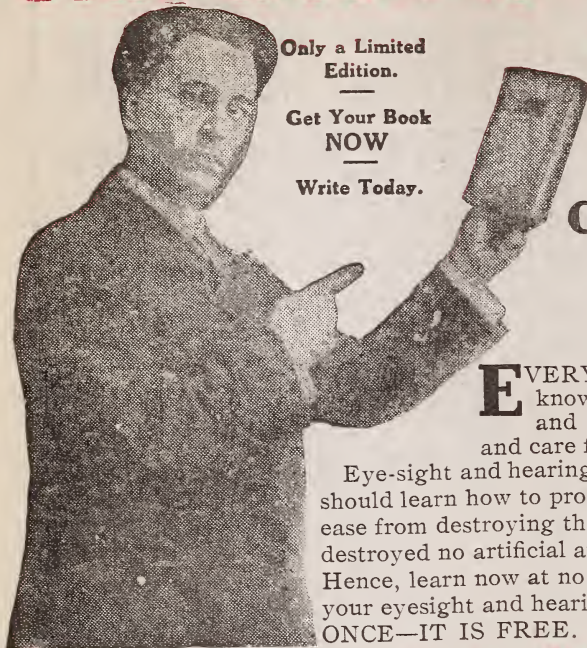
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